THE WEATHER
There will be rain or snow tonight. Saturday, threatening rain or snow; fresh to brisk south to west winds.

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ANOTHER DENIAL

Diplomatic Agent Says Port Arthur Was Not Taken

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—A diplomatic agent of Viceroy Alexieff at Port Arthur reiterates the denial of the report that Port Arthur has been abandoned. In the bombardment of March 10, the casualties were five killed. Several buildings were damaged. As the result of a conference between the minister of marine and foreign affairs, the following additional articles have been declared contraband of war:

Provisions of all kinds, destined for the Japanese army, including grain, fish products, beans and bean oil; parts of machines for the manufacture of weapons and ammunition.

The emperor yesterday received Gen. Sakharoff acting minister of war and chief of the general staff with whom he discussed the reported concentration of Japanese troops at Ping Yang.

The Emperor will inspect more of the warships today.

RUSSIAN FLEET AT PORT ARTHUR

WASHINGTON, March 18—A cablegram received at the Japanese legation last night from the Japanese consul at Shanghai says that the captain of a Norwegian vessel which has arrived there from Port Arthur reports that the Russian fleet left Port Arthur on the morning of March 12, but returned the same evening.

MILITARY ROAD BEING CONSTRUCTED

SEOUL, March 18.—6.30 p.m.—Five thousand engineers are now employed in building the military railroad from Seoul to Wiju. Only a few miles have been completed. Civilians are working on the railroad from Seoul to Fusan. This road cannot be completed before next October.

OPPOSING FORCES NEAR AT HAND

LONDON, March 18—A correspondent of the Times at Tokio says that the Russians and Japanese scouts are now separated only by the river Cheng Cheng, just north of Anju. The despatch adds that the foreign correspondents will leave for the front on March 20 or March 23, but their destination is still unknown. A correspondent of the Times at Wei Hai Wei cabling under yesterday's date, says:

"I arrived at Hing Yang inlet March 15 and proceeded to Chinampo. Navigation was difficult owing to the drift ice. I found anchored there both war vessels and transports. Disembarkation has been difficult, but the Japanese have brought all necessary appliances. Pontoon jetties have been built and extend for hundreds of yards, and the transports brought their own landing barges."

The correspondent describes the landing movements and the disposal of the forces with some detail and says:

"Despite the terrible weather the infantry marched 25 miles daily, each man carrying nearly 100 pounds. It was a severe test, but they did well. Covered by this force a larger force is now disembarking within easier distance of the Japanese objective, while preparations are reported to be proceeding at the only practicable port on the east coast of Korea. The Japanese are now holding Anju and the line of the Cheng Cheng river. The actual land front points to a further retirement of the Russian forces.

"Despite the command of the sea the Japanese omit no precaution. It would be unfair to the Japanese to give the numbers and destination of their forces, but landings were made long enough to permit a general reference to them without prejudice to the operations. The weather generally is improving."

RUSSIANS RETREAT ACROSS YALU RIVER

LONDON, March 18—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, who has just visited Chinampo, Korea, says:

"On the way to Chemulpo we passed a constant succession of Japanese transports. Three thousand Japanese landed at Chemulpo at the end of last week."

The correspondent adds that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu river before the advance of the Japanese outpost, and that their forces in this district number 20,000.

The Daily Mail's Wei Hai Wei correspondent learns that Viscount Aoki, formerly Japanese minister to Germany, is going to Seoul to establish practically a Japanese administration for Korea.

Under date of March 17 the Chefoo correspondent of the Standard reports that provision trains are arriving hourly at Port Arthur, the railway being intact.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent cabling March 17 asserts that the Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur. If this is correct, the correspondent adds, it is evident from Rear Admiral Baron Von Staikelberg's report that the Russian cruisers which left Vladivostok returned to that port without an attempt having been made to unite the fleets or if any attempt was made it was unsuccessful.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald cabling under yesterday's date, asserts that a portion of the Russian fleet made several cruises within a radius of 50 miles of Port Arthur without finding any trace of the enemy.

The foregoing dispatches are the only additional items of news appearing in the London newspapers this morning with the exception of vague rumors of the alleged movements of the opposing forces in the vicinity of the Yalu river.

It is stated that the Russians are again negotiating for the purchase of Walsh coal and it is reported from Nanburg that Russia is trying to place contracts with German shipyards for several new torpedo boat destroyers to be delivered this year.

According to a dispatch from Antwerp to the Daily Telegraph Russia has acquired 20 large Antwerp transport steamers and insured each of them for $250,000.

BIG HANDICAP TO THE JAPANESE

PARIS, March 18. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris has interviewed General Dragomiroff, ex-governor general of Kieff, and late a member of the council of state, who, while making reservations, owing to his personal ignorance of the localities in the theatre of war, gave the following conclusions at which he had arrived:

"The Japanese will be much hampered by the necessity of making an invasion by sea. Sea crossings are always disastrous to cavalry which is notoriously the weak point of the Japanese troops. Moreover, the Japanese will need in Korea conveyances drawn by horses to which they have been unaccustomed. The Japanese will not be able to depart far from the Korean coast as they must remain near their ships."

The general added that the Russians must watch the Yalu river, which is liable to sudden floods and which it would be useless to cross if they could not return. It is essential, he said, to have a strong bridge forfeited on the side where the Japanese are.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL PREDICTS LONG WAR

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—12.01 p.m.—Admiral Stackelberg, who on account of illness turned over the command of the Vladivostok squadron to Captain Reitzenstein, has arrived in St. Petersburg. He gives an entirely different version of some of the reports, emanating from Japanese sources, regarding the events before he left. The cruise of his squadron, February 9 to 15, in the Japanese waters was made by orders of Admiral Stark for its effect upon the population of northern Japan. Admiral Stackelberg denies that he fired upon Japanese merchant men in Sangar straits. He says the ships were captured and that while attempting to convoy them to port a terrific blizzard sprang up and not wishing to endanger the Russian cruisers, after taking off the crews and passengers from the merchant men, one of the latter loaded with contraband rice, was sunk. The other, which was a worthless tramp steamer, was released to carry to the Japanese the story of the presence of the Russian warships in those waters for moral effect. There never was any bombardment of Hakodate, which is heavily fortified.

The admiral adds that he cannot understand how much a stupid story was credited. He expresses the opinion that the war will be of long duration, judging from the extensive preparations made by the Japanese which were expected even earlier than la came.

JAPAN IS ALIVE TO THE DANGER

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The Gazette expresses the hope that the Anglo-French understanding will result in a more friendly attitude on the part of Great Britain toward Russia. A diplomatist representing a small European power expresses the hope that China will join Japan on the theory that all the white powers, including the United States, will then be compelled to form a coalition and stop the war, which would ruin the trade for the whole world with China. But he fears Japan realizes the danger and will decline China's aid.

The Red Cross society is considering a proposition to fit out an automobile train to convey the wounded over the high road 350 miles from Mukden, Manchuria, to Blagovetchensk, east Siberia, on the river Amur, where they would be placed on board barges for conveyance to hospitals established along the river.

An expert in the military organ says that even presuming there are four divisions of Japanese at Ping Yang, Korea, they could not venture to advance till reinforced by two more divisions which would require another month or six weeks. The writer contends that they could not advance more than seven miles a day, owing to the condition of the roads, compares Ping Yang with Plevena and says the great drawback to the town is that it is surrounded by marshes which will breed insects and malaria when the warm weather comes. A correspondent of the Associated Press on crossing Lake Baikal writes:

"The stories of soldiers frozen to death while crossing the lake provoke mirth. Personally, I am convinced that the men are not suffering from the cold. Huts at intervals of a few versts provide warmth and refreshments and the weaker men are driven across in sleighs well wrapped up in furs. Others march the distance, 45 versts (about 28 miles) comfortably in a day and are glad of the opportunity to stretch their limbs after the railroad journey. The huts are provided with bells which are rung during snowstorms and lanterns hung on the high poles, show the way at night, the ice railroad conveying the baggage in cars which are drawn by horses.

"The ice breakers are getting ready to begin operations at the end of March."

JAPANESE REPORTS ARE QUESTIONED

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The war experts here are questioning the truth of the Japanese official reports, asking, for instance, how the torpedo boats of Vice-Admiral Togo could lay mines weighing 400 pounds in the heavy sea which Admiral Togo admits was running, even if the boats had room for them aboard; how fire could break out on the Russian torpedo boats, which carry nothing inflammable, and how a Japanese torpedo boat preserves its full fighting capacity if a steam pipe on board burst and the Russian boats got away.

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PLEASANT WHIST PARTY

FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH.

A well attended whist party was held at C. M. A. C. hall in Pawtucket street last night, the proceeds of the affair to go to the new St. Louis church. Whist was enjoyed until ten o'clock, and while the points were being counted a fine musical program was carried out. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, Miss Bertha Roussel; song, Miss Lillian Shunny, accompanied by Miss Frances Hickey; reading, "Souvenir," Miss Nellda Cote; violin solo, Master Albini Foisy, accompanied by Miss Ida Mongeau; piano solo, Miss Roussel; song, Miss Alice Pratie, accompanied by Miss Roussel.

The prize winners at whist were as follows: First, silver tray, Mr. Donat Bellemare; 2d, two art vases, Mr. Joseph Lucier; 3d, silver napkin ring, Mr. John Primeau; 4th, silver bonbon dish, Miss Emma Nichols; 5th, rose jar, Mrs. Wilfred Cadorette; 6th, armlets, Mr. Simeon Lagasse; bobbles, Miss May Collins and Miss Lillian Shunny.

A beautiful wedding cake was awarded in a guessing contest, and Rev. Fr. Lacroix won the prize.

DEATHS

COCHRANE—Mrs. Theresa, wife of Frank G. Cochrane, died at her home at Nashua at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning after two years lingering illness of consumption, aged 32 years. Mrs. Cochrane was born in this city and went to Nashua to live about 15 years ago. She was married in this city 11 years ago to Mr. Cochrane. She was a member of the Sons and Daughters of Maine circle and of the Crown Hill Baptist church at Nashua, where she was active in the Sunday school home department.

KENNEDY—Matthew Kennedy, aged 65 years, died yesterday at his home in Dracut Centre. He leaves a wife and two sons, one of whom resides in Haverhill.

HAYES—Bridget Agnes Hayes, aged 1 year and 3 months, died yesterday morning at the children's home in Kirk street. She was the child of Eugene and Annie Hayes. The body was removed to Davey's undertaking rooms in Market street.

KELLEY—Katherine A. Kelley, the thirteen year old daughter of John and Catherine Kelley, died last night at 8.45 o'clock at the home of her parents, 70 Union street. The deceased had been ill for four weeks, but despite the fact that all possible in the way of medical skill was brought to bear she gradually grew weaker until the end came last evening. During her illness she was quiet and bore her sufferings with true Christian fortitude.

She was a very bright little girl, being an attendant at the Edson school, and well up in her studies, as well as a general favorite at the school. Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her for she enjoyed a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She leaves to mourn her loss a father, a mother, two brothers, Harry and William, and two sisters, Mamie and Jennie.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The National Anti-Tuberculosis association has been incorporated in Springfield to prevent tuberculosis by legislation and education. According to the incorporators the association is purely philanthropic.

"We intend to start a systematic campaign against the criminal carelessness in regard to the spreading of the disease," said Dr. Walter B. Metcalf, one of the incorporators. "Consumption is contagious and especially among the poorer classes this is not recognized.

"I am preparing a list of the physicians and business men back of this movement and instructive pamphlets will be issued. A subscription will be taken and a free clinic for the treatment of the poor established."

Miss Elizabeth Fagan of Woonsocket, R. I., is visiting the Misses Fox of Eddy street.

Miss Edith Maude McPherson, who was naturalized in the local police court two weeks ago, was one of the successful candidates in the recent civil service examination.

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IN POLICE COURT

Boys Couldn't Talk English

AND JUDGE HADLEY DIDN'T LIKE IT

One Stole Money From the Other

In police court today Eraclis Vlahacos, a juvenile, charged with the larceny of $5 from James Lekakos, another juvenile, both Greek boys, was found guilty and a fine of $6 was imposed.

Judge Hadley expressed his displeasure in the fact that the boys who could not speak a word of English had certificates that relieved them from attending the day school. The boys are employed at the Lowell Machine shop and a few days ago Eraclis, while playing with James, engaged the latter in a wrestling bout and while so engaged slipped his hand into James' pocket and took the money.

Truant Officer Thornton was in police court, interested in the case, and while the trial was on Judge Hadley said he was sorry that boys unable to speak the English language should find it convenient and be allowed permission to work while they ought to be obliged to attend the day school and acquaint themselves with the English language. He suggested that it was the duty of all foreigners to learn to read and write English. Mr. Thornton said that he agreed with Judge Hadley's views in the matter, but the law allowed that boys fourteen years old could work if they attended evening schools."

"I think," he said, "that the law is in fault."

Mary McCarthy, 16, had "lewd and lascivious" written against her name. Her case was continued until Saturday.

Her brother, John McCarthy, was in police court a few days ago and was turned over to the overseers of the poor. He was growing up in neglect. The condition of this family was a pitiable one, and the intervention of the police and Agent Richardson of the Humane society was brought about by reports from neighbors who were disgusted with the condition of affairs in the McCarthy home.

BOYS WERE FINED.

Three boys charged with the larceny of gum from a penny-in-the-slot machine at Frank P. Moody's place, cor. of Dutton and Fletcher street, were fined $5 each.

FOR ILLEGAL KEEPING.

Costos Farfares, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was fined $50. John McCoy, charged with illegally exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors at an ex-saloon in Lakeview avenue was fined $75.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Patrick Morrison, workhouse two months; Margaret Brown, workhouse three months; John Ainsworth, workhouse two months. Three first offenders were fined $2 each.

Clearance sale at Cooper's, 320 Merrimack street.

MASKED MEN

WRECKED GREAT STEEL FRAMEWORK.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18—Sixteen masked men, heavily armed, have overpowered the watchman at the plant of the Proctor and Gamble Soap Co., now in course of construction in West Armourdale, and wrecked the steel framework in the first story of the oil refinery building.

The loss to the steel construction company doing the work is $5,000. It is supposed that the damage was done by structural iron workers who have declared a strike against the contracting company. Work on the plant will be delayed two months.

DELEGATE KERBIN

HE HAS BEEN BOYCOTTED BY NEGROES.

SNOW HILL, Md., March 18—Delegate William G. Kerbin of Worcester county, who had been pushing the "Jim Crow" bill in the state legislature, has been boycotted by negroes.

Kerbin boards at a hotel here. When he returned from Annapolis and entered the dining room he was informed that the colored cook had refused to prepare any meal for him. Hungry and angry, he traveled to Baltimore before obtaining food.

His colored laundress has also joined the movement.

CURIOUS MISTAKE

WAS MADE BY LORD MINTO IN CANADA.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 18—A curious mistake has been made by Lord Minto, governor general of Canada, in a communication recently forwarded to King Edward.

In a report of the executive committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund association, signed by Lord Minto as president and Lieut. Col. Irwin as secretary, regret is expressed because of the "death of his honor A. R. McClellan, late lieutenant governor of New Brunswick, who was vice president of the association."

The former lieutenant governor is in excellent health and it is not clear how the report of his death originated in vice regal circles.

W. C. T. U.

Next Sunday, March 20, will be the anniversary of Neal Dow's birth and the W. C. T. U. will hold services commemorative of that event at the M. E. church in Moore street. Rev. and Mrs. Yarrow will give reminiscences of the life of the great temperance advocate. Services commence at 6.30. All are invited.

WANT A CLERK

Overseers Apply to Civil Service Commission

FOR NAMES FROM THE ELIGIBLE LIST

"Billy" Callagher Looms up Strongly

Secretary Courtney for the overseers of the poor today made requisition upon the civil service commissioners for three names from the general list to fill the position in the office of the secretary of the overseers of the poor, left vacant by the death of James Walsh.

The three names at the head of the list are Messrs. Drew, Johnson and Watson, while the fourth name is that of William H. Gallagher, the insurance agent and former well known ball player. It is understood that one of the three at the top of the list would not accept the position if it were tendered him and will ask the commissioners not to consider his name when sending in a list of names. Thus with one out, Mr. Gallagher becomes the third man on the list and hence is in the running. Mr. Gallagher is the best known of the eligible candidates and he has many friends hustling for him.

The new appointee whoever he may be will not get the same amount of money that Mr. Walsh received upon entering the office, Mr. Walsh receiving $1250 per year. He will be started at smaller wages and will have an opportunity of working himself up. It will take a new man some time to become really useful in the office, as there is much to be done and much to be learned. The pauper office in this city does more work than any other in the state, excepting Boston, and has the smallest working force. Secretary Courtney has only two clerks, while the secretary of the Worcester and Fall River boards have each five clerks. This city has no inspector of visitors in the department, whose duties are to go among the poor investigating cases and seeing if those relieved by the department are getting what the department pays for. The pauper office is one of the busiest at city hall.

All the leading names on eligible list under general list this year take their rank from the examination just passed a few days ago, there being no holdovers. But in the case of the limited list there are many holdovers. The four leading males on the limited list are Joseph F. Meehan, who is a holdover, Henry McCue, Francis J. Sullivan and Alfred French.

TO LET—A restaurant, Branch street, corner of Nichols street.

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Ladies' Kid Gloves, spring shades.....69c, 79c and $1.00
Fitted Jersey Corset Covers, long or short sleeves..... 25c
Children's Corded Underwaists, 2 for 25c
New Venice Lace Collars, From 50c up
Infants' Pretty Silk Bonnets, 25c, 39c, 50c, etc.
Infants' Finished Long Flannel Skirts 25c

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JAIL SENTENCE

Will Not be Imposed by Court

While diphtheria holds the fort at the Lowell jail Judge Hadley will not impose any common jail sentences.

In police court today Thomas and Margaret Hennessey were charged with drunkenness and the larceny of $5 from George Carpenter. In the natural course of events they would have been sentenced to the common jail for larceny, but owing to the presence of diphtheria in the stone house on the hill Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey were sentenced to the workhouse for drunkenness and the charge of larceny was placed on file.

FOUR CASES AT PRESENT.

The health department has taken 90 cultures from the persons at the Lowell jail who were in there before the case of diphtheria was discovered and of the 90 only four developed diphtheria, the other 86 being healthy throats.

The four persons affected with the disease have been isolated in an improvised contagious disease hospital while their cells have been thoroughly cleaned out and fumigated.

Window shades, with pulls, 25c, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

FUNERALS

WALTON—The funeral of Calvin D. Walton was held yesterday afternoon from his residence, 79 Midland street. Rev. C. E. Fisher was the officiating clergyman and there was singing by Mrs. Roberts and Miss Edna Sawtelle. Lowell lodge of Odd Fellows performed their services at the grave and they also acted as bearers. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, in charge of Undertakers Young & Co.

PERRON—The funeral of Mrs. Minnie F. Perron took place yesterday afternoon from 28 Barclay street and was largely attended. Rev. S. T. Ford was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were Samuel Perron, Nelson Belanger, Leroy Barclay and Harry Barclay. Burial was in the Edson cemetery in charge of Undertakers Young & Co.

REED—The funeral of Baxter C. Reed was held yesterday afternoon from 152 Warwick street. Rev. Mr. Wedge performed the services at the grave and the bearers were R. M. Graham, F. A. Vaughn, S. J. Thorpe and William Collins. Burial was in the Edson cemetery in charge of Undertaker Weinbeck.

READY—The body of Mrs. Mary Ready was buried in the Catholic cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the home of Mrs. Bernard Ready, daughter of deceased, 585 Broadway street, and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings, among them being a large pillow inscribed "Mother," from children of deceased; large standing cross on base inscribed "Grandma," from the Ready and Brady children; pillow inscribed "Not Forgotten," from John W. Grady, Jr.; large ivy wreath, from Miss Nelson; basket of cut flowers, from Mr. and Mrs. McHale; basket of cut flowers, from Miss Annie Sullivan. The bearers were Martin McHale, Peter Brady, William Nelson, Michael Grady, John Keefe and James Young. At the grave, Rev. John McHugh of St. Patrick's church read the committal prayers and Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons were in charge.

HAMES—The funeral of Thomas Hames, the one year old child of Frank and Maria, took place this afternoon from the home of his parents, 63 Andrews street. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, and was under the direction of Undertakers J. J. O'Connell & Co.

Rev. John Norberry, formerly pastor of the Wesley church in Lowell, who was recently voted out of his church in North Attleboro, has been elected to preach in the Pentecostal church of Malden as the successor of Rev. A. E. Fildin.

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Silver Prunes.....15c lb.
California Evaporated Peaches, 12c lb.
California Evaporated Apricots, 15c lb.
Best Evaporated Apples.....14c lb.
Good Evaporated Apples.....10c lb.
Cleaned Currants.....3 lbs. 25c; 9c lb.
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Choice Muscatel Raisins.....10c lb.
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DEED OF 1691

Alleged to be a Crooked One

Within the next few days at the most the courts of Suffolk county will have presented before them for trial a case which, aside from being one of the most remarkable land suits that has ever been brought, involves 50 acres of the very cream of Brookline real estate, valued at several millions of dollars and the good name of the American founder of one of Brookline's oldest, proudest, wealthiest and most influential families.

The plaintiff, Charles E. Stevens of Dorchester, seeks to recover a tract of land that he alleges was wrongfully wrested from his ancestors by John Winchester, Brookline's first representative to the general court, whom he charges with filing a fraudulent deed in the year of 1691, which resulted in the loss of the above property to the Stevens heirs.

The case goes back almost to the landing of the Puritans in Boston in 1630, when a few years later one Henry Stevens came over from England and settled at Muddy River, or what is now known as Brookline.

According to the plaintiff-to-be, Stevens acquired through purchase and colonial grant over 100 acres of land, 50 of which he sold and 50 of which he left by will to his heirs when he died in 1690.

This land fronted on the south side of what is now Harvard street, west of Coolidge's corner, and directly opposite to the old Edward Devotion estate.

When the elder Stevens died he was survived by his wife, four girls and a boy, John Stevens; the latter and John Winchester, who had married one of the daughters, were left as executors of the will.

The plaintiff alleges that the elder Stevens left a will which carefully described the above property, divided the same into six equal parts, leaving it to his wife and children, and alleges that the will, made in 1688, expressly stated that it was to make null and void all previous wills, and especially some papers which were surreptitiously taken from his home some time before the date of the will.

According to the plaintiff the son, John Stevens, died about a year after his father, leaving Winchester as the sole executor.

Shortly after, it is alleged, Winchester filed a deed which transferred the entire Stevens property to him. The deed, according to the plaintiff, was dated in 1681, and acknowledged in 1686, and not recorded until two years after the elder Stevens's death.

Appended to the deed, it is alleged, was the signature of the elder Stevens, as well as that of his wife, while the plaintiff alleges that appended to the inventory of the elder Stevens's property taken after the latter's death, was the elder Mrs. Stevens's signature, who swore to the land as a part of the elder Stevens's property at the time of his death.

The reason the plaintiff gives for the heirs not claiming their right at the time the fraud is alleged to have been committed is on account of the unusual circumstances that surrounded the family and colony at the time.

John Stevens, together with his family, was living in Chelmsford at the time of his death, while the daughters were all married.

In those days people were living in stockades the most of the time to prevent massacre by the Indians, and thus had but little time to give to land squabbles.

The discovery that led to the coming litigation occurred in a purely accidental manner, while the plaintiff, who is a retired emery wheel manufacturer of Northampton, Mass., as well as in past years prominent in politics of that city, was searching the records in an effort to compile a history of the Stevens family.

On the land which the plaintiff claims stand some of the finest mansions in the town, among them being the one lately owned by Wallace H. Ham, the alleged embezzler.

"GOING SOME"

O'Neil Thought He'd Go to Heaven

BOSTON, March 17.—A man among the passengers on the East Boston ferryboat Gov. Russell today climbed upon the rail and shouting "This is a fine day to go to heaven," leaped into the water. The crew of a tug not far away saw the action and reached the man before he had gone under. He was pulled on board the tug and turned over to the harbor police. He gave his name as Michael J. O'Neil of Roxbury.

BIG PARADE

WAS HELD IN FALL RIVER.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 17.—St. Patrick's day was celebrated by a parade of the Irish societies of this city, New Bedford, Newport and Taunton, this afternoon under the marshalship of Jeffrey E. Sullivan. There were two thousand men in line.

A feature was the absence of the local union bands from the column, the union musicians of this city refusing to parade with the government band from Fort Adams, Newport.

NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION.

NEW YORK, March 17.—"Social secretaries" and others interested in the "welfare work" of the National Civic Federation have held a conference here to discuss their work. About 50 delegates were present from large stores and factories in this and other cities.

Many proprietors came personally to talk over measures for the welfare of their employes, while others sent superintendents. The meeting was the first of the kind held in this country.

Get Rid of Scrofula

Bunches, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the bones, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes.

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GEN. THOMAS DEAD

Was Recently Removed From Federal Office

CHICAGO, March 17.—Gen. H. H. Thomas, who was recently removed as federal appraiser at the port of Chicago, dropped dead today. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause.

The removal of Gen. Thomas from office a few weeks ago was one of the most picturesque incidents known in politics [illegible]. Seated under the folds of a United States flag, Gen. Thomas remained at his work refusing to give way, until dispossessed by the actual arrival of his successor, Lamar T. Hoy.

The reason assigned for the removal was the desirability of securing a more vigorous administration of the office, but Gen. Thomas maintained that the motive for the change was purely political and that the affairs of the appraisers' office were being handled with an efficiency above the average.

The issue was made the subject of an appeal to President Roosevelt and a controversy with Sen. [illegible].

The death of Gen. Thomas was as dramatic as his removal. He had served in the civil war, but never had made application for a pension, while in receipt of other income. Today, after ineffectual efforts to secure other work, while in a lawyer's office preparing a pension application, Gen. Thomas fell dead.

MAYOR OF HALIFAX

CHARGED WITH INTERFERING WITH JUSTICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 17.—Mayor Crosby of this city was indicted by the grand jury today on a charge of interfering with the administration of justice. It is alleged that the mayor released a prisoner who had been held for a license on a charge of assault. The prisoner promised to appear in court when wanted but he did not keep his word and cannot be found. The supreme court, which has jurisdiction in the case, held the mayor to blame and ordered an action against him.

PROHIBITIONISTS MEET

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION AT CONCORD.

CONCORD, N. H., March 17.—The morning session of the prohibition state convention was devoted to a discussion of the party platform, a plank endorsing woman's suffrage being the subject of warm debate. It was finally adopted. The platform is principally devoted to an arraignment of the state license law.

LOSSES HEAVY

NEW YORK COMPANY RETIRES FROM BUSINESS.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Losses in the Baltimore conflagration amounting to about its entire surplus of $80,000, together with a depreciation in market value of investments, have caused the directors of the Lafayette Fire Insurance Co., of New York to decide that the company shall retire from business. All the outstanding risks have been reinsured in the National Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford. It is estimated that after all claims have been settled, the stockholders will receive the par value, or thereabouts of their holdings. The company, which was organized in 1856, is capitalized at $200,000.

BODY IDENTIFIED

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN WAS C. R. LESH.

MELROSE, Mass., March 17.—Inquiries made here disclose the fact that the man killed by a train at Milford, Conn., last night, was C. R. Lesh, as a letter found in his pocket indicated. His divorced wife, Mrs. Mary M. Lesh, lives in this city and Mr. Lesh was returning to his home in Scranton, Pa., after a visit to Melrose in course of which a reconciliation had been effected with Mrs. Lesh. He came here last Tuesday and after visiting Mrs. Lesh left the city, intending to go to Milford, en route to Pennsylvania on business. Mr. Lesh was a successful architect and it had been arranged that Mrs. Lesh should go to Scranton in the spring to join her husband. The letter found in the man's pocket was from his wife. She [illegible] Melrose for Milford, Conn., this afternoon to take charge of the body.

A BEAUTIFUL SIGN.

Mr. T. J. [illegible] and carriage painter [illegible] completed the [illegible] sign in town. [illegible] the finest in America [illegible] at 82 Bridge street. [illegible] yet different [illegible] artistic designs executed [illegible]. The main part of the [illegible] large dollar [illegible] central panel with the [illegible]. Two small [illegible] done in gold [illegible] of great credit to the artist, who [illegible] paint portraits [illegible].

BISHOP FINK DEAD.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 17.—Bishop Louis Maria Fink of the Leavenworth diocese of the Catholic church, died at his home in Kansas City, Kan., today of pneumonia.

DEMURRER OVERRULED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 17.—Judge Wofford in the criminal court here today overruled the demurrer [illegible] yesterday by the attorneys for the defence in the trial of State Senator Jewell, charged with soliciting a bribe of $500 to influence [illegible] of two other [illegible] the [illegible] ture on [illegible] the taking of testimony [illegible].

WANT TO SELL PROPERTY.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 17.—The receivers of the Worcester and Southbridge and Worcester, Rochdale and Charlton [illegible] petition [illegible] for permission to sell [illegible] property. As soon as the sale is effected, the entire property will be [illegible].

TRAFFIC DELAYED.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., March 17.—A delay of [illegible] hours in traffic on the Central Vermont railroad was caused today by a freight wreck between Hartford and West Hartford. A broken rail caused 20 cars to leave the track and three of them went down an embankment. No one was injured and beyond the delay caused by the blockade no serious damage resulted.

GEN. KUROPATKIN

Russian Leader Making Rapid Strides to Front

He is Making Over 532 Miles Per Day and Lives on a Train With His Staff—Russians Prepared to Move Heavy Forces in Any Direction.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 17.—The first headquarters of the Manchurian army after Gen. Kuropatkin's arrival will be at Liao Yang, the general having selected that point instead of Mukden from which to direct the operations. Liao Yang is ten miles west of the railroad being connected with the main road by a special line which will be completed by the time Gen. Kuropatkin arrives, and has many advantages over Mukden, being a point where both the telegraph line and the Pekin road go to the Yalu river.

Another road not marked on the maps, leads almost due east to an extinct volcano, Paik Tou San, or long white mountain, whose crater is a sacred lake. The road was built by the Chinese whose emperors formerly went there to shoot tigers, with which the region is infested. Two rivers, the Tumen and the Yalu, rise near the mountain. Liao Yang consequently commands both the roads over which troops will be sent according to necessities. Liao Yang also has the advantage of being nearer the frontier of China in the event of punitive measures being required against the Chinese. It is also close to the Liao Tung peninsula, Newchwang and the mouth of the Liao Ho. While the Russians are mobilizing for the purpose of working out an offensive military problem, they will be prepared to move heavy forces in any direction to meet the Japanese who's command of the sea gives them great freedom in selecting their points of attack. Gen. Kuropatkin will live on a train with his staff and be prepared to move anywhere his presence is required. If the Japanese land in force on the coast of northern Korea, Gen. Kuropatkin will move his headquarters further north, along the railroad. If there is fighting along the Yalu, which now seems probable, he will go forward to Feng Huan Cheng.

Great precautions are being taken to guard against surprises. The Japanese have always shown a preference for night attacks and most rigorous orders have been issued to keep up a continuous advance of scouting parties and to have heavy pickets out at night.

Gen. Kuropatkin is now near Omsk, Siberia. He is making very fast time, averaging over 532 miles per day, everything being sidetracked to get him to Mukden on March 26, the only stops except to change engines being occasionally to inspect passing troop trains.

KUROPATKIN SENDS MESSAGE.

LIAO YANG, March 17.—Gen. Kuropatkin has telegraphed to Gen. Linevitch who is here, temporarily commanding the Manchurian army as follows:

"I salute you in the midst of the troops whom you command. May God assist you to overcome the most arduous portion of your task. I shall be happy to find you at the head of the troops the emperor has graciously entrusted to me. I trust you will not leave them so long as the present danger threatens for the troops have full confidence in you."

Gen. Linevitch is busy inspecting the military posts and newly constructed fortifications at Yin-Kow and elsewhere in South Manchuria. The weather is changeable. Snow squalls and severe frosts prevail.

U. S. CRUISER HAD KOREAN REFUGEES

CHE FOO, March 17.—5 p. m.—The U. S. cruiser Cincinnati, just arrived from Chemulpo, reports everything quiet with no news from the front. At the request of Minister Allen the cruiser brought two former Korean officers who had left Korea in consequence of their friendship for Russia.

AFTER CANFIELD

Jerome Wants Him in State Prison

ALBANY, N. Y., March 17.—"I want to put Richard Canfield in state prison and I want Reginald Vanderbilt of New York as a witness to help me do it," declared District Attorney William T. Jerome to the senate codes committee today in an additional hearing which was given on the Dowling witness bill. The bill makes it possible for a witness to give testimony without having his evidence used against him and eliminates the excuse of declining to testify through fear of incriminating himself.

CREW SELECTED

YALE VARSITY CREW HAS BEEN NAMED.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 17.—The Yale varsity crew which was sent to the training table today was made up as follows:

Stroke, Captain Walter Cross; 7, Morse; 6, Whittier; 5, Miller; 4, Fish; 3, Chase; 2, Scott; bow, Weeks; substitute, Whitney. Of this squad Cross, Scott and Weeks were in last year's varsity crew; Morse, Whitney, Chase, Scott and Week were in last year's freshman crew. Fish was a member of the varsity four-oar last year.

LOCK-OUT THREATENED

LYNN SHOE WORKERS ARE IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

LYNN, Mass., March 17.—A lockout of the members of the Lena branch of the Shoe Workers' Protective union is threatened in this city next Monday. It was announced today that unless the present difficulties in the turn work departments in several factories are adjusted, the turn work rooms in a dozen factories will be closed. If a lockout is declared about 500 men will be affected.

SECRETARY OF ARIZONA.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—W. T. Nichols has been appointed by the president to be secretary of Arizona [illegible] Isaac T. [illegible].

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases at Goodale drug store, 217 Central street, Lowell. Price 50c and $1. Trial bottles free.

SEWELL IS DEAD

Late Governor of Guam Died Today

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Commander William E. Sewell, late governor of the island of Guam, died today at the General hospital at Mare Island, California, as a result of intestinal disorders. He was taken ill several weeks ago at Guam and was brought to San Francisco on March 1, since which date he had been under treatment at the hospital.

ILLEGAL SELLING

Charged Against N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

BROCKTON, Mass., March 17.—Summonses were issued today calling the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad Co. to appear in police court Tuesday, March 22, to answer to charges of illegally selling liquor to William J. Boyd, an expressman. A summons will be sent to the Boston office tomorrow by Inspector C. W. Crose and one has been served on Willis Harding, an employe at the local depot. The charges are made by Marshal W. A. Boyden, who claims that under section 20, chapter 100, public statutes, the delivery by a railroad company of a package of liquor to any person or address other than the person or address marked on the package according to the Faxon law [illegible] a sale.

VETERANS FIRED

Lawrence Will Test Civil Service Law

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 17.—Mayor Lynch today discharged four foremen of the street department, all civil war veterans. Work has been light of late and the mayor endeavored to have the men sign an agreement not to insist upon employment when their services were not required. The foremen declined to compromise. The veterans claim that under the civil service laws they cannot be discharged and will sue the city for their wages.

RUSSIAN JEW

SHOWED SUBLIME HEROISM IN FACE OF DEATH.

BERLIN, March 17.—Mandelstamm, whom Chancellor Von Buelow named in the Reichstag Feb. 29, as one of the leading protestors against the government's attitude towards Russia, is not included in the list of 30 Russian students expelled from Germany. He anticipated such an order by flight to Switzerland. Frau Zetkin, in a recent speech at Breslau, gave the following details of his past:

"Hats off to Mandelstamm, twice deported to Siberia. Once on a long march to the icy plains, the convicts, almost without food, owing to the embezzlement of a commissary officer, complained to the commander of the escort, who, lining them up, said: 'Who objects?' One man stepped forward and the officer shot him. Turning pleasantly to the others, the commander inquired, 'Has anyone else a wish?' A second man stepped out of the line and the commander shot him dead and again asked if anyone complained. Mandelstamm said: 'Yes, I do.' The officer overcome by this fearlessness, listened to the protest and supplied the convicts with food. This was the courage of the despised Russian Jew."

SEALING STEAMERS

LOCKED IN ICE FIELDS OFF CAPE BRETON.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., March 17.—Information was received here today that three sealing steamers had been caught in the vast ice fields near St. Paul's island, fifteen miles northeast of the Cape Breton coast. One of the vessels is in a critical position.

The steamers which hail from Newfoundland, have been cruising about the easterly entrance of the gulf of St. Lawrence for a week or more.

Navigation in these waters has been more difficult than usual this season on account of the thickness of the drift ice.

The fields extend well to the eastward of the Cape Breton coast and reach at times as far as St. Pierre. In addition to the imprisonment of the steamers [illegible] for [illegible] several [illegible] steamers were tied up [illegible] at various points. All were able to release themselves, but it is found that one sealer off St. Paul's island will have a difficult task to escape. Near the island the ice is heavy and closely packed. It moves slowly in a southeasterly direction. Two steamers are five miles west of the island, but it is thought can get out of the gulf without sustaining damage. The third is four miles to windward and will remain in a critical position unless the wind shifts and drives the ice [illegible] the gulf.

IRON WORKERS

IDLE BECAUSE OF LABOR TROUBLES.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Several hundred more iron workers were made idle in this city today because of the strike and lockout troubles in the building trades. On the buildings where the masons, bricklayers and laborers are not working a good many riggers, steamfitters, boilermakers and inside iron workers had to stop work because they had reached the point where the masons and bricklayers were required to prepare the way for them.

While the members of the building trades employers' association are trying to arrange the talk of "open shops" and while some officers of the association asserted today that the whole present trouble may yet be amicably settled under the arbitration plan there is no such disposition to arbitrate matters on the part of the unions. Some of the labor leaders said they would ultimately get the support of all the other trades and that the building business in New York would be tied up indefinitely unless the employers complied with their demands.

DAY IN BOSTON

Anniversary of Hub's Evacuation

OBSERVED BY PARADES AND EXERCISES

Great Enthusiasm in South Boston

BOSTON, March 17.—The 128th anniversary of the evacuation of Boston by the British troops was observed here today by the holding of parades and appropriate public exercises. In South Boston, where the occasion has been yearly celebrated, the day was of additional significance because it is the centennial anniversary of the annexation of South Boston to Boston. The guest of honor of the day was secretary of the navy, William H. Moody.

The parades were then held under the auspices of the citizens' association of South Boston and the Suffolk county branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The citizens parade was confined entirely to South Boston district, while that of the Hibernians traversed the principal streets of the city proper.

In South Boston the streets through which the procession moved were extensively decorated with flags and streamers of bunting. All parts of the district showed an interest in the observance by patriotic displays. The weather was fine. The parade included four companies of United States coast artillery, two companies of blue jackets from the United States steamships DesMoines and Wabash, and the ninth regiment infantry of Massachusetts militia. Six thousand men marched in the parade of the Hibernians, which partook of features incidental to St. Patrick's Day. This procession was reviewed both by Mayor Collins and Gov. Bates. In the afternoon Evacuation Day exercises were held in the South Boston high schools, with an oration by W. E. L. Dillaway. This evening there will be a banquet under the auspices of the South Boston citizens' association with Secretary Moody as chief speaker.

STRIKE SETTLED

BOILER MAKERS TAKE UP THEIR HAMMERS AGAIN.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 17.—The strike of the boiler makers employed in the Boston and Albany railroad shops in West Springfield was settled today at a conference between union officers and officers of the road. As a result of the agreement reached 72 strikers will return to work Saturday. Both the railroad and union officials refuse to announce the terms of settlement but some of the strikers declare that the two men discharged a week ago for whose reinstatement the strike was inaugurated will return to work with the others.

GOLD DECORATION

FOR MISS DOMVILLE FROM THE MIKADO.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 17.—By order of the mikado the Japanese consul general for Canada has presented Miss Domville, daughter of Senator James Domville of New Brunswick, with a gold decoration. When the war was begun Senator Domville sent a cable to the emperor of Japan reading: "Good luck."

HENRY THURBER DEAD.

DETROIT, Mich., March 17.—Henry T. Thurber, a well known attorney of this city, who was private secretary to President Cleveland during his second term, died today. He was operated upon for appendicitis two weeks ago.

The Clergy Like It.—Here are a few names of clergymen of different creeds who are firm believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to "live up to the preaching" in all it claims: Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Dr. Langtry (Episcopalian), Rev. Dr. Withrow and Rev. Dr. Chambers (Methodist), and Dr. Newman, all of Toronto, Canada. Copies of their personal letters for the asking. Sold by Ellinwood & Co. and Falls & Burkinshaw.—4.

THREE BRAKEMEN

WANTED FOR EVERY FREIGHT TRAIN.

BOSTON, March 17.—In the house of representatives yesterday the committee on railroads was defeated by a vote of 104 to 29 on the question of rejecting the bill offered by Representative Hamsden of Brockton providing that there shall be not less than three brakemen on each freight train.

The action of the committee caused considerable debate in which Representative Jeremiah J. Good of Boston, took a leading part and the house vigorously applauded his speech. Mr. Good has been a brakeman for years and he spoke from actual experience.

Mr. Good said that last year the Brotherhood of Trainmen sent legislative agents to the state house to inform members of the need of such a law, but this year the brotherhood depended on the merits of the bill. This is not a question of labor, of hours, or of wages, but of humanity. He spoke of the accidents and deaths due to conditions which he said resulted from the lack of brakemen.

Representative Hamsden of Brockton also spoke in favor of the bill.

Representative Hayes of Lowell favored rejection on the ground that it was not the province of the legislature to pass measures for the detailed management of railroads. Trains now had at times from three to five brakemen. He believed if there were reasonable complaint, employes should go to the railroad commissioners.

Mr. Good said the chairman of the committee on railroads (Mr. Hayes) seemed to think the railroad commissioners were infallible, but this attribute was not borne out by their "delusive and delusive report," on the subject of brakemen. He said the brakemen had appealed to the railroad commissioners again and again with no avail. He told Mr. Hayes he could tonight show him trains of 50 cars going out with only two brakemen.

Representative Geddings of Great Barrington favored the bill. He maintained it to be the record of the state to interfere in the management of corporations in the interest of human life and safety.

Representative Quinn of Boston was for rejection. Laws like this, he claimed, worked injuriously. He thought it unfortunate to take the time of the House as the Senate would kill the bill.

Representative Alyward of Cambridge said it seemed to be the duty of the member from Lowell to deliver encomiums of the Railroad Commissioners, yet the legislature had not given any of its prerogatives to the commission. The bill was to amplify the law regarding labor, and he believed when the vote was taken it would be of such proportions as to show to the upper branch that the time has come to give heed to the appeal of labor.

The House refused to reject the bill by a vote of 104 nays to 29 yeas.

MAJOR BEAN

WANTED MUSIC WHILE HE SHOT HIMSELF.

OMAHA, Neb., March 17.—Major Wm. H. Bean, U. S. A., committed suicide today by shooting. Ordered to the Philippines he had his trunks packed this morning and taken to the depot. Immediately afterward he asked his wife to play on the piano and while she was playing he thrust an army revolver to his right temple and fired. The bullet lodged in his brain and he died almost instantly.

ACCUSED GREEK

HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO TAUNTON.

TAUNTON, Mass., March 17.—Pantilas Colovreitinas, who was arrested in Catskills, N. Y., yesterday, was brought here today by local officers. He was at once arraigned on the charge of having murdered his cousin, Constantine Clipouras, by shooting, as the result of a quarrel.

PRISONER ARRAIGNED.

The hearing which was informal was held before Judge Fox of the district court. The Greek said: "I did it."

This was not accepted as a plea and the man was taken to jail. Tomorrow morning he will be formally arraigned.

Chief of Police Dunbar states that on the way from Catskills Colovreitinas confessed that he committed the murder and stated that he did it because Clipouras objected to a marriage between his sister and Colovreitinas.

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A regular 25c Formosa......19c	A regular 40c Assam at......28c
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A regular 25c English Breakfast 15c	A good 30c Young Hyson......23c

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Fancy Mixed [illegible]......12c lb.
Excellent Hamburger Steak......7c lb.
Best Salt Pork Rib......7c lb.

Mince Meat, 7c pkg; 4 pkgs. 25c	Very Best Green Peas......7c qt.
1 lb. Pkg. Seeded Raisins......10c	Canada Peas......7c qt.
1 lb. Pkg. Cleaned Currants......9c	Kennedy's Soda Crackers, 5c lb.
10c can Pink Salmon......8c	Kennedy's Ginger Snaps......5c lb.
Good American Sardines..4c can	Kennedy's Lemon Creams, 5c lb.
3 lb. can Baked Beans......7c	Kennedy's Tea Biscuits......8c lb.
Mellin's Food (Large bottle)..55c	Kennedy's Graham Crackers......10c lb.
Very Best Pea Beans......7c qt.	Very Good Coffee......15c lb.
Very Best Yellow-Eye Beans, 10c qt.	Very Best Java and Mocha Coffee......25c lb.

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From Yesterday's Late Edition

IRELAND'S SAINT

Honored in the Catholic Churches

The feast of Ireland's patron saint was observed in all the Catholic churches today and in some of them panegyrics on St. Patrick were delivered.

The Sacred Heart church held its services last night, and the panegyric by Rev. Fr. Flynn will be found on another page.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

Beautiful services were held at St. Michael's church last evening in honor of the feast of St. Patrick and the church was crowded to the doors. Solemn vespers were sung by Rev. Fr. Shaw, pastor, assisted by Rev. Fr. Dennis Murphy, deacon; Rev. Eugene Carney, sub-deacon; Rev. Frank Mullin, master of ceremonies. The usual vesper hymns were sung by the choir and the feature of the services was an eloquent panegyric on St. Patrick by Rev. Fr. Murphy, whose eloquence is well known beyond the confines of the parish.

Fr. Murphy took as his text: "And thou shalt be prophet of the highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways." Canticles of Zachery, 9th verse. As introductory to his remarks, Fr. Murphy dwelt upon the condition of the christian world at the time of St. Patrick's birth and early life. He then pictured Patrick walking the streets of Rome and his reception by the pope to whom he explained his purpose o ffaking the faith of Christ to the far off western isle called Hibernia. The pope gladly commissione dhim and Patrick returning to Hibernia bound Ireland to Rome by a link stronger than iron, the Christian faith. The preacher then gave an explanation of the faith as taught by St. Patrick to Ireland then sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The thoroughness of Patrick's work was then set forth in eloquent words as the speaker painted the invasion of the Danes and the persecution which followed one another relentlessly down the centuries while throughout all and upon their blackened ruins the cross of Christ shone triumphantly to heaven in silent testimony of the thoroughness of the work of the great apostle, and while wherever the sons of Erin are to be found today from Arctic to Antarctic there also is to be found the faith of Patrick, the faith of Christ.

He then exhorted his hearers to cling closely and for all time to the faith of Patrick. Let no prosperity take our attention away from duty toward the Giver of all. Prosperity without effort means spiritual as well as national decay. That which is easily earned is easily lost. Love if you will the old country with its majestic mountains, its smiling valleys, its mirrored lakes and whispering brooks, but love more the deep-abiding faith of Jesus Christ which has been handed down from sire to son from Patrick to the last child of Erin for the last 14 centuries.

Stand by your faith as you would stand by your God. Raise a monument in your hearts and inscribe upon it in letters enduring: God is my father; Rome is my mother; and Patrick my patron forever."

High mass was sung at 8 o'clock this morning by Rev. Fr. Carney. The full choir was in attendance and the music was a delightful and inspiring feature of the service. Haydn's second mass was rendered and at the offertory Guilman's "Ave Verum" was sung. At the conclusion of mass "Hail, Glorious Apostle" was sung, the solos being sustained by Miss Murphy, Miss Pucell, Miss Nevin, Miss Gallagher and Mr. Murphy.

The entrance to St. Michael's parochial residence was appropriately and beautifuly decorated with the national colors intertwined with the colors of Erin.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

In years gone by the chimes of St. Patrick's "their soul of music shed" ringing out in deep-toned harmony the glad tidings of the day and causing the blood to leap within many an Irish heart in the old Acre district as they rang out the good old airs. But today they lay mute in the church yard "as though that soul were fled," but the people came as of yore and services were held in honor of the patron saint of the church with all the elaborateness possible under the existing conditions.

Solemn high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Rev. John J. McHugh, assisted by Rev. Timothy J. Callahan, deacon; Rev. James J. Walsh, sub-deacon. Within the sanctuary were seated Rev. William O'Brien, P. R., Rev. Edward F. Saunders of Roslindale, and Rev. Thomas McMannion of Winchester. A congregation which filled the basement was present at the service while on all the little sprig of green and here and there the "rale" little shamrock with its native earth still clinging to its tiny roots were proudly worn. The choir under the direction of M. J. Johnson rendered Weber's mass. At the offertory Miss Ethel Ranger sang with fine effect the hymn "Hibernia, Champion Saint, all Hail," to the tender music of "The Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Halls."

The solos of the mass were sustained by Miss Ranger, Miss Harriet Courtney and Mr. Frank McCarthy. At the conclusion of mass "Hail Glorious Apostle" was sung by Mr. William B. Rendy and the full choir.

The panegyric on St. Patrick was an eloquent effort and was delivered by Fr. Saunders who chose as his text the words: "Nations shall declare his wisdom and the church shall show fortah his praise." Eccles. 39-14.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Solemn high mass was celebrated at St. Peter's church, by Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan assisted by Rev. Fr. Mullin, deacon and Rev. Fr. McDermod and a special musical program was rendered by the choir. This evening solemn vesper services will be held when Rev. Fr. Ronan will be the preacher.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Solemn high mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock at the Belvidere church by the pastor, Rev. Fr. Doraan, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Smith, O. M. I., deacon, and Rev. Fr. Tighe, O. M. I., sub-deacon. The choir under the direction of Joseph P. Courtney rendered Concone's mass in F and at the offertory Miss Margaret McCaffrey rendered Cherubini's Ave Maria and at the conclusion of mass Hail Glorious Apostle was rendered by the choir, the solos being sustained by Miss McCaffrey and Mr. Shea. Solemn vesper services will be held this evening.

WATCH OUT THERE

Any person who is approached and asked to subscribe for an advertisement in a K. of L. publication is requested to inform the police at once and furnish a description of the solicitors.

During the present week fake solicitors have bunoed a number of business men in Lawrence and other cities and secured money for advertising matter to be placed in a K. of L. journal. Complaints were made to the police and a rigid investigation was made, but the police failed to find any such journal in existence as represented by the solicitors.

The police believe taht the solicitors are clever bunco workers and all persons are warned that they are taking their own chances in advertising with them.

START FOR HOME

Visiting Paraders Leave the City

The visiting delegation which took part in the big parade today made arrangements to return to their homes late this afternoon. After the dismissal of the parade the visitors were escorted to A. O. H. hall in the Howe block at the corner of Merrimack and Prescott streets, where tables were set and lunch served to the tired men. John P. Mahoney presided at this hall and the presidents and marshals of the visiting divisions addressed their brothers. All expressed pleasure with the treatment that they received here and said that Lowell had done nobly by them. Mr. Mahoney responded for the local Hibernians and reminded the visiting brethren that they had favored Lowell and the local divisions more than they realized. "We want to say to you," he said, "that we are not ungrateful. We know what your presence here today means to us in Lowell and I want to thank you in behalf of my brothers in the Lowell division."

Thomas J. Lynch, president of the central council, A. O. H., also expressed his gratitude and that of the central council for the fine turnout made by the out-of-town people. We expected a great deal, but not more than what you gave us and I know that Lowell Hibernians will never forget what you men have done today."

Chief Marshal O'Connell received a great greeting when he appeared later in the afternoon. When introduced he said: "There is no happier man in Lowell today than I am. I have seen this great demonstration through and glory in the success of it. You men and my good loyal friends among the Hibernians of Lowell have made it what it was. I am indebted to you personally and I trust the time is not far distant when it will be within my power to show to you all that I appreciate your work in the parade today. Let me say, too, that the military division in the parade is something that should make us feel proud. I have heard many this afternoon comment on thtir fine appearance and it makes me feel proud indeed to see the grand observance of this day and I trust that future demonstrations may even surpass today's.

At the Leather Workers' hall in Central street the local Hibernians gathered and enjoyed a lunch after the parade and listened to remarks by presidents of the different divisions and also the chief marshal.

The Wolfe Tone Guards held forth in their own hall in Market street and during the afternoon the boys after doffing their uniforms and partaking of lunch passed the hours in singing and patriotic speeches. The hall was crowded and Capt. Cummins and Lieut. Fitzgerald were obliged to respond several times with speeches.

The first visitors to leave town were the Haverhill people, and accompanied by their drum corps they started for home at 4.45.

The Nashua people departed on a special car at 5.45 and went to their hall in Nashua, where they had a banquet and initiate 50 candidates.

The Lawrence people did not go away until 7.30.

Each of the visiting societies was escorted to their cars by members of the local divisions. The Haverhill men were in charge of James F. Sullivan, president, and P. J. Anderson, marshal, of division 4, and J. E. Falvey, president, and Owen Daly, marshal, of division 14.

DEATHS

CREEN—Michael Creen, a well-to-do Hebrew iron dealer, well known in the Hebrew colony, died yesterday at St. John's hospital, aged 42 years. The body was removed by Undertaker Archambault to deceased's residence, 9 Daly street, yesterday morning. According to the Hebrew custom, the funeral took place but a few hours after death, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Burial was in the Hebrew cemetery at Pelham, Undertaker Archambault having charge.

HESSIAN—Thomas Hessian, aged two months an dten days, child of Thomas and Mary, died last night, at the home of his parents, 55 Pond street. The body was forwarded to Nashua this afternoon at two o'clock by Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy.

MURRAY—Patrick J. Murray, aged 33 years, died this morning at his late home, 259 Thorndike street. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss a mother, four sisters and two brothers.

HAYES—Bridget Agnes Hayes, aged 1 year and 3 months, died this morning at the children's home in Kirk street. She was the child of Eugene and Annie Hayes. The body was removed to Davey's undertaking rooms in Market street.

BAY STATE MILLS

Striking Spoolers Are Still Out

The situation at the Bay State mills where the spoolers are on strike remains practically unchanged though the strikers claim that the mill is being seriously affected especially in the sewing in department in which several are idle. They claim furthermore that three of the six girls who took the places of the strikers have since quit work because they could not make enough money.

Tomorrow will be pay day and the girls expect that when they go to draw their pay they will have a conference with Mr. Faulkner in relation to the matter. They want a uniform pay scale and will so inform Mr. Faulkner if given an opportunity.

FIRE STATION

IS UNDERGOING MUCH NEEDED REPAIRS.

The central fire staton is at the present time in a topsy-turvey condition, it being in the hands of the painters, but after they get through their work the place will present a much better appearance than it has for the past few years.

The house was in need of a little paint and plaster prior to the fire in the Fellows block, but the fire scorched the Middle street side of the building on the interior and the place presented a rather dejected appearance.

An appropriation of $1500 was made for the repairing of the building and the plasterers got in their work a couple of weeks ago, and at the present time the painters are at work in different parts of the building. It is doubtful if the necessary repairs can be made for the amount appropriated.

HORSE DIED

AFTER DRINKING WATER AT TOWER'S CORNER.

A few minutes after the aprade had passed Tower's corner, this afternoon, a horse, driven by M. Goldman, drank water from the trough near Harris' restaurant and then fell down and died.

Agent Richardson of the Humane society was early on the scene and he summoned Dr. Bowley, veterinary. He also telephoned for the Rendering Co.'s ambulance. The horse was breathing his last when Dr. Bowley arrived and was taken away in the horse ambulance.

KID BRADY

RETURNS HOME AND ISSUES A CHALLENGE.

Kid Brady, the 105-pound boxer, who has been making quite a record in the west, has returned to Lowell and is out with a challenge to Kid Flannery at 105 pounds or catchweights. Brady will post a forfeit to make the weight. He is a brother of "Jockey" Brady.

IN POLICE COURT

THE DOCKET WAS VERY LIGHT TODAY.

Today's police court session was of short duration. Only three names were inscribed on the police court blotter, and the charge in each case was drunkenness.

Cyrille Charron made his third appearance within a year and was fined $6. Two others were released.

KEEPING LIQUOR

MICHAEL DALTON WAS FINED $50.

In police court today Michael Dalton, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was fined $50. An appeal was entered. The address named in the complaint was 165 Worthen street.

FUNERALS

MURPHY—The funeral of Mrs. Ella Murphy, who was found dead in bed Tuesday morning, took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 4 Watson avenue. The bearers were Messrs. Murphy, Veazey, Youngjohn, Fahey and Beckwith. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. Rev. Fr. Mellugh conducting services at the grave. Undertaker J. W. Brooks had charge.

HARWOOD—The funeral of Rufus Harwood took place yesterday afternoon from his late home, 114 Warwick street. The services were conducted by Rev. Asa R. Dills and the music was by Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Stewart. The bearers were Messrs. H. and F. Harwood and W. and C. Kennedy. Undertaker Weinbeck had charge of the arrangements and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

POLICE EXAMINATION.

An examination of applicants for positions on the Lowell police force will be held at City Hall on the 30th inst. All persons desiring examination at that time must file their applications with the secretary, C. H. Conant, on or before the 23rd inst.

PARADE NOTES.

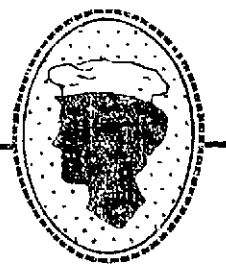
The Eighth Regiment drum corps is all right.

There were hundreds of out of town people here as the result of the parade and this noon the down-town restaurants had all the business they could attend to.

"Happy Days" Casey was one of the most popular men in line and everyone appeared to know him and he was greeted on all sides.

Among the more pretentious down-town decorations were those at C. H. Joyce & Co.'s grocery store at the corner of Central and Middle streets. The entire front was covered with the colors of America and Erin gracefully intertwined.

Two women wearing huge yellow bows and doing all in their power to attract attention to the bows stood for quite a time on the Centralville side of Centralville bridge and waited for the parade. Had two men done it I would have waited to witness the result. Those who go looking for trouble with a searchlight generally find their fill.



The success of your cake depends upon the baking powder.

Cheap baking powder makes poor cake and a poorer cook.

The wise housewife uses a pure cream of tartar baking powder like Cleveland's. The result,—good, wholesome, digestible cake every time.

HENRY ROGERS

Able to Appear at Gas Hearing

BOSTON, March 17—Henry H. Rogers, one of the defendants in the suit brought to enjoin the sale of the Boston gas light companies, appeared in the supreme court today for the first time in two weeks. Mr. Rogers has been confined to his room at a hotel here on account of illness. It happened today that evidence was introduced by counsel for Receiver Pepper, the plaintiff, to which Mr. Rogers' attorney made objections. This was while S. L. Crehore, formerly a director of the Brookline and other Boston gas companies, was on the witness stand. Counsel for Mr. Rogers made frequent objections to the line of questions asked the witness by Lawyer Whipple, the plaintiff's attorney, relative to why and by whom the witness was appointed a director. Lawyer Whipple stated in answer that he believed that Mr. Rogers was instrumental in the appointment of Mr. Crehore as a director of the Brookline company and a party to the request for his immediate resignation. To substantiate his position Mr. Whipple read a letter written by Mr. Rogers to the Mercantile company of New York asking the company to attend to the matter of filling vacancies in the Boston, South Boston and Bay State Gas companies.

COAT OF TAR

VERDICT OF $1000 FOR THE VICTIM.

MONTPELIER, Vt., March 17—A jury in the Washington county court here today awarded Claude R. George, a student at Montpelier seminary, $1000 for the discomfort and injury to his person which resulted from a coat of tar and feathers. The defendants in the suit were James Howard, W. S. Fleury and Royce Marvin, but the verdict was returned against Howard alone, the others have been declared not guilty.

The evidence showed that George had been hazed by half a dozen students on the night of Jan. 12, 1903. They broke into his room and after treating him roughly administered a light coating of tar and feathers. As an outcome George left the seminary and several of the students were dismissed. A suit for damages was then instituted but the evidence implicated only Howard.

GIRL MISSING

SHE HAS BEEN IN ILL HEALTH FOR SOME TIME.

BOSTON, March 17.- Miss Katie M. Lynch, aged 17, has been missing from the home of her aunt at 7 Common street since Feb. 27, and the police have been asked to find her. The girl has been in this country but two years and does not know her way about outside of Boston.

At times she worked as a waitress, but for the last year she has been in ill health and has done nothing. The girl's sickness and enforced idleness preyed upon her mind, and it is thought that she has wandered off in search of employment.

She disappeared in a similar manner a year ago, and was then found by Miss Mary Keagan, her aunt, living with a woman in Cambridge, to whom she was an entire stranger. It has been learned that she is not at this house this time.

PROPERTY HOLDERS

MUST EXTERMINATE THE GYPSY MOTH.

BOSTON, March 17.—The property holders in districts affected by the ravages of the gypsy and brown tail moths, according to a bill reported in the house of representatives today will be asked to exterminate nests and caterpillars found on their land. The bill provides that these moths are to be considered as a nuisance and if property holders do not remove them within fourteen days, the state authorities can enter upon the land and recover the cost of the work from the owners. An appropriation of $300,000, $100,000 each year for three years, is also made in the bill.

WORLD'S METHODIST CONFERENCE.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 17—The opening sale of seats for the world's conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Hazard's pavilion in May, has just been held. Boxes and gallery seats were secured by prominent local church people for themselves and eastern friends. Sixty-nine boxes were sold for $7,081. As much as $175 was paid for one box and the lowest that any sold for was $10 or $10 a chair.

LIBERAL VICTORY.

LONDON, March 17.—The polling yesterday for a candidate to fill the vacancy in the parliamentary division of East Dorset caused by the accession of Humphrey N. Stuart to the peerage on the death of his father, Lord Allington, resulted in a victory for the liberals, C. H. Lyall, the liberal candidate defeating Mr. Van Dadite, the candidate of the conservatives by 82 votes.

In the previous election in the east division of Dorset, Mr. Stuart defeated A. Allen, his liberal opponent by 96 votes.

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THOMAS J. SOTH, 317 Stagg St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The above letter was received in 1899 and he again writes us Feb. 19, 1903, "I have not been troubled with eczema since."

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin as in eczema; the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of scalp, as in scalled head; the facial disfigurement, as in pimples and ringworm; the awful suffering of infants, and anxiety of worn-out parents, as in milk crust, tetter and salt rheum—all demand a remedy of almost superhuman virtues to successfully cope with them. That Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent are such stands proven beyond all doubt. No statement is made regarding them that is not justified by the strongest evidence. The purity and sweetness, the power to afford immediate relief, the certainty of speedy and permanent cure, the absolute safety and great economy have made them the standard skin cures of the civilized world.

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WAS HELD UP

INVESTIGATION OF CUSTOM HOUSE UPSET APPRAISALS.

Half a million dollars' worth of machinery imported into this country is held up owing to the fact that the investigation of the Boston custom house has left matters so that there is no appraiser in the customs service to examine machinery.

On Dec. 23 Colonel William W. Castle, a leading Grand Army officer and a man whose reputation as a machinery examiner is known the world over, was removed from office by order of Assistant Secretary Armstrong of the Treasury Department.

No charge was made against him, he being considered a man of the highest integrity and honesty.

However, in the month of February he was served with a writ of replevin to produce certain index cards which he had made during his service of over 25 years as examiner of steel for the government.

When the case was called in the United States circuit court, his counsel was informed that by orders from Washington the case had been dropped.

The Department of Justice, however, has filed a new bill against Colonel Castle. The bill, which is one in equity, was filed in the United States circuit court, returnable on April 4, and calls for the index cards for which the bill of replivin was filed.

Colonel Castle declares that the index cards and cases were purchased with his own money and that they were made out on his own time.

Since his removal from the office of appraiser of machinery at the custom house the machinery examinations have been at a standstill.

No one has been assigned to do the work by order from Washington and the service has been crippled.

FUNERAL NOTICES

FUNERAL NOTICE—The funeral of Patrick J. Murray will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 from his late residence, 267 Thorndike street.

TO LET

IF YOU are thinking of moving this spring come and see what we can offer you in a tidy, comfortable tenement for small money; if you want an extra healthful home of from three to five rooms where you will have quiet, self-respecting neighbors, call and see us. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central street.

TO LET—Flat of six rooms, bath and pantry, hot water. Inquire in the afternoon between 2 and 4 at 470 Rogers street.

TO LET—Two two-room tenements. Inquire 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Best located room in city for one or two; modern conveniences. Also smaller room, reasonable. No. 271 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

TO RENT—A lovely four room tenement, good location, $8. G. P. Walker, 364 Middlesex street.

POULTRY

POULTRYMEN—To make hens lay feed green cut bone; nothing like it; cut fresh daily. Adams Supply Co., 40 Middlesex street, room 18, Lowell.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 313 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people, easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Loinhas, room 9, Barristers hall.

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE—To give stamp collectors a chance to fill their books quickly we will give double stamps all this week. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Everywhere, people to copy letters at home, during spare time and return to us; materials sent free; no mailing or canvassing. $9 weekly earned; enclose self-addressed envelope for particulars. Guarantee Co., No. 373 Ninth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—A woman to do light housework and take care of child. Apply at 10 Reed street evenings.

ANY intelligent person may earn $50 to $100 monthly corresponding for newspapers; $5 a column for work in spare time; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

OUR MEN make $3 to $10 a day fitting glasses; our 72-page Free Eye Book tells all about it; write Jacksonian Optical College, College Place, Jackson, Mich.

WANTED—Twister for a Worcester mill for cotton and wool warp, fine yarn; one who can draw in; only experienced need apply; good wages. F. L. McBride, 70 Rolfe street.

WANTED—A clean, honest man first as salesman then as manager; references required. D. Appleton & Co., New York. See Mr. Chesley, 10 to 12 a. m. Saturday, at 15 Middlesex street, Lowell.

WANTED—All round cook; call evenings. Beaver Brook hotel, Collinsville.

WOMEN to sew at home, $9 per week; materials sent everywhere free, steady work, plain sewing only; send addressed envelope for full particulars. S. D. N., Du Pont, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Young man to learn tea business; make $9 to $10 a week. Apply Herrick Tea Co., 810 Central street.

WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper and cashier at the Bell Shoe & Clothing Co.

WANTED—Three good insurance solicitors. Apply between 5 and 6, room 4, Grosvenor building.

WANTED—Coal miner at once, permanent job. 473 Merrimack street. A. Caron.

LADIES—That embroider, crochet or knit can earn $12 weekly working for us at home; addressed envelope for free sample of work and designs. Mexican Co., 152 Nassau street, N. Y.

WANTED—Experienced coat and pants makers. Raymond & Snyder, 233 Middlesex street.

LADIES can have permanent income assured by pleasant, respectable effort. For full particulars send two-cent stamp to Swan Mason & Co., Arlington, Mass.

$12 WEEKLY; home work two hours daily; no outfit to buy; send addressed envelope for instructions. Nassau Supply Co., 150 Nassau St., New York.

HOME WORK—$9 weekly during spare time; no canvassing, experience or money needed; enclose stamp for outfit, instructions, etc. Address Universal Co., 325 W. 23d street, New York.

WANTED—Young man 16 to 18 years to learn light manufacturing business. Box 867.

MISCELLANEOUS

MME. KATHERINE—Palmist engagements made for social functions; call mornings 183 Appleton street.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance medium and card reader.

TRADING STAMPS—We are giving 80 with one pound of our 60c tea; 60 with our 50c tea; 30 with our 35c coffee; stamps given with all goods except sugar; this is the way we share our profits with our customers and hundreds tell us we have the best tea and coffee in the city; the Boston street car passes the door. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis square.

GENUINE GLORIA has printed cap and label on each bottle; look out for fresh imitators; we are sole agents for Gloria. Boyle Bros. Telephone.

STORAGE—First class storage room for furniture; private rooms from $2 to $1 a month, according to size, at 255 Hildreth street. Call there or at 637 Merrimack street.

LAWN MOWERS sharpened and repaired, 75c and $1. James Moulton, 24 Davis street.

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 51 Merrimack St., corner John.

MRS. CLARA ADAMS, clairvoyant card reader and ladies' employment office. 555 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MOTHIPS—Reid's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkhart's, 478 Middlesex street.

MADAME LENORE—Clairvoyant card reader; also gifted with drawing power. 21 Tyler street.

GLORIA is the greatest family beverage; gives weakly, nervous women vigor and health. Boyle Bros., agents. Tel.

MME. WATSON EMERSON—Clairvoyant and psychological readings at 474 Central street, also instruction in elocution and physical culture.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner Store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION!—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Paden, at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1051 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year: Repairing a specialty. 281 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by having your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack St., opp. City Hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Phonograph and 13 records nearly new and in good order; the lot for $9; a bargain. Apply after 6 p. m. 66 Franklin street, Lowell, Mass.

DOGS—Full bred pointer puppies, handsomely marked, of good workers; if you want a good dog cheap here is your chance. Battersby, 52 Church street.

FOR SALE—52-acre farm in Tyngsboro; 20 acres wood. Mrs. Carville, 36 Fort Hill avenue.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, cost $200 last fall; will sell for about one-half that price, as I have no use for it now. Inquire G. M., Sun office.

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching from heavy laying strain of barred Plymouth Rocks at 5c each. 24 Epping street, Wigginville.

FOR SALE—Chest of steam-fitters' tools. Inquire at this office. Call after 6 p. m.

FOR SALE—Hard, soft, and kindling wood at Eugene Paquin's, 187 Chelmsford street.

FOR SALE—New milch Jersey cows. Apply A. Fells, 980 Lakeview avenue.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2¼ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

FOR SALE—A boarding house, rooms all occupied at present, at 238 Appleton street; if sold at once will let it go at $150; there are 12 rooms in the house and all furnished; sickness the only cause for wanting to sell. Inquire at 238 Appleton street.

FOR SALE—Very large boarding and lodging house, centrally located, very near P. O., all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, steam heat, gas; best location in city; doing big business at present. Further particulars at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 25c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack St.

WANTED

WANTED—Boarders and roomers; will use you all right; come and try us. Mrs. Wisted, 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—Dress making, reception and children's dresses are given every attention. Mrs. J. M. Brown, 247 Appleton St.

STOVES—New and second-hand bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A good home for a child three months old. Inquire 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—To board children; cared for by experienced mother; reasonable price. Mrs. P. L., Sun office.

WILL the gentleman who went to Crystal lake in reference to running automobile please call at 1036 Middlesex St. Joseph Brouillet.

ANYONE wishing to board a baby with an experienced mother and at a reasonable price, address Box 169, Chelmsford, Mass.

WANTED—Everybody in Billerica to buy Zamo Washing Fluid of J. S. Walsh. Makes washing easy.

MRS. A. BLANCHARD'S new lying-in hospital at 668 Pleasant street, Drucut Centre, is now all equipped for patients. Telephone 734-4.

WANTED—For cash, a place 6 to 20 acres close to a city and electrics. Call or write to the Arlington house, Lowell. Mr. Dalton. Call 6 to 9 p. m.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Situation as housekeeper by reliable woman. Apply at Sun office.

WANTED—Situation as pastry cook. Address O. P., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by a pastry cook; can give references. Address O. P., Sun office.

WANTED—A position as nurse girl by a New Brunswick girl who has had considerable experience with children. Address Z. A., Sun office.

WANTED—By a French Canadian young man, an inside position; speaks English and French language. Please refer to 577 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A situation as coachman. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children able to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 89 Crosby street.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Bunch of keys in Fletcher street. Finder please leave at 36 Suffolk street.

LOST—A pair of gold bowed glasses in case either in Opera house or between Opera house and Towers corner. Finder please leave at Opera house box office.

LOST—Gent's black silk fob chain, gold locket, on Middlesex or Central streets or Westford street car. Reward at Batchelder's bicycle store, 122 Middlesex street.

LOST—Black and tan pup in vicinity of Reade street, white spot on feet. Return to 55 Reade street. Reward.

LOST—A brindle and white bull dog. Finder rewarded at 392 Bridge street.

LOST—Saturday evening at Associate hall, a bunch of keys. Finder kindly leave them at 186 Appleton street. Call for Miss Mitchell.

FOUND—A lady's gold watch. Inquire at 21 Oliver street after 6 in the evening.

LOST—At Lakeview March 12th, two black and tan fox hounds, one with collar marked Frank L. Barrett, Sterling Junction, Mass.; the other dog has tip of one eliipped. For reward notify F. L. Barrett, 12 Belknap street, Nashua.

THE WOMAN that picked up the terrier dog on Central street last Tuesday night had better let him loose or return him or there is trouble for her.

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SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Sherman Induces Couple to Agree

It is due to the good offices of Judge Sherman in the criminal session of the Middlesex superior court at East Cambridge that the marital troubles of Ansel M. Marston of Somerville and his wife have been amicably settled.

Mrs. Marston charged her husband with non-support. The case came up from the lower court on an appeal.

After the evidence Judge Sherman said to Marston: "You have a child, haven't you?"

Marston replied that there was one, a boy.

"You are fond of him, aren't you?" continued the judge, and Marston admitted that he was.

"Your wife is also fond of him?" was the next query, and Marston answered in the affirmative.

"Then," said Judge Sherman, "why don't you two for the sake of that boy come together and fix this thing up instead of continuing this contest in the criminal court. It seems to me you can do it. It seems to me that you are wrong, Marston. You made her treasurer when you first started and now she thinks she should be treasurer always. I want you to see if you can't fix this thing up without having it go further here."

The jury was then dismissed for the day, and for 15 minutes Judge Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Marston, Asst. Dist. Atty. Bancroft and Mr. Roberts, who appeared for Mrs. Marston, conferred in a low tone at the judge's bench. What was said was not intended for public ears, but both Mr. and Mrs. Marston were given some wholesome advice and the matter will probably go no further, but will be explained to the jury when it comes in this morning.

Clarence Lee, colored, the young Harvard student who is now at the reformatory, was brought down from Concord on a habeas corpus to answer to a charge of larceny in a building. He pleaded guilty. Lee is the man who for some time had been taking students' property of every description. He was given an additional sentence in the reformatory, to begin at the expiration of his present term.

Ella Toomajian pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving stolen property and was fined $50. John E. Shane, charged with breaking and entering and larceny of a horse, pleaded guilty and was given a year in the house of correction. John Crocker of Newton, for larceny, was sent to the reformatory. George R. Davis was arraigned on the charge of larceny, pleaded guilty and was held in $2500 for the final disposition of his case.

STUDENTS' RIOTS

VIENNA, March 18.—Severe riots have occurred at a university at Agram between students for and against Russia. Several on both sides were wounded.

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ANNUAL REUNION

Of St. Andrew's Church, No. Billerica

The annual parish reunion of the members of St. Andrew's Catholic church of North Billerica was held last night and was a great success. The entertainment consisted of a musical and literary program, which was followed by dancing. Rev. J. P. B. Desroches, O. M. I., pastor of the church, had general charge of the affair.

The concert program was as follows:

Chorus, "Let Erin Remember," "Sons of Ireland,"

Solo, "Ireland, I Love You,"
Mr. James H. Gannon

Solo, "Back to Eileen,"
Miss Mary Seymour

Piano solo, Irish melodies, introducing "Believe Me" and "Garry Owen."
Miss Ella Reilly

Solo, "Eileen Aroon,"
Mr. Charles Fairbrother

Reading, "A Sprig of Green,"
Mr. Maurice O'Donnell

Piano solo, "Love's Young Dream," with variations.
Miss Etta Hoar

Solo, "Minstrel Boy."
Mr. John T. Fairbrother

Closing chorus, "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Hall," "Believe Me," "Come Back to Erin," "Home Rule for Dear Old Ireland."

Those in charge of the dancing were: Gen. manager, Mr. Owen O'Toole; assistant, Miss Nellie Cowdrey; floor director, Miss Annie Burke; assistant, Mr. John J. Mahoney; chief aid, John S. Welsh; aids, Mr. Edward Morris; Miss Mary Hughes, Miss Mary McCusker; Miss Isabel Fairbrother, Mr. Charles E. Cowdrey, Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Neil R. Mahoney, Miss Nellie Campbell, Mr. Edward Riley, Miss Nellie Doris, Miss Mary Halley, Mr. Timothy McCarthy, Miss Esther Kearney, Mr. John Bradley, Mr. Henry O'Brien, Miss Mary Higgins, Mr. Frederic Gannon, Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, Mr. Frank Hannon, Miss Eva Reardon.

Refreshment committee—Miss Nellie M. Cowdrey, matron; Mesdames Thos. Fay, Charles Collins, John Reilly, Thomas Callahan, John H. Mahoney, Jeremiah Donovan, Charles Kane, Misses Mary Twomey, Mary Seymour, Etta Page, Katherine Cowdrey, Margaret Riley, Florence Keating, Jennie O'Toole, Nellie Dooris, Letitia Blake, Florence Bradley, Nellie Murphy, Mollie Bradley, Mollie Murphy, Maud Hannon, Mary Higgins, Etta McCluskey, Mary O'Brien, Esther Kearney, Margaret Hughes.

Candy table—Matron, Miss Annie T. Mahoney; assistants, Misses Mary Halley, Mary Hughes, Ella Reilly, Theresa Scanlon.

Lemonade table—Matron, Miss Delia Connolly; assistants, Misses Isabel I. Fairbrother, Jeannette Morris, Lillian Buckley, Eva Buckley.

Souvenir committee—Martin Conway, chairman; Miss Katherine Cowdrey, secretary; Misses Margaret Dewire, Annie Burke, Agnes Fairbrother, Mary Seymour, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Annie Dooris, Frances Gannon, Messrs. Thomas F. Sheridan, Owen O'Toole, John J. Mahoney, Neil R. Mahoney, William Halley, Ambrose Hennessey.

Reception committee—Edmond Costello, chairman; John Harrington, John Sullivan, Martin Lane, Michael Harrington, Martin Conway, Sr., Peter Dolen, Owen Murningham, Maurice McElligott, Charles Finnick, Cornelius Mahoney, Daniel Lyons, Denis O'Keefe, Patrick Kennelley, John Hughes, Philip Gleason, Ellis Hannon, L. B. Gannon, Bernard Kearney, Bernard Nugent, William Fairbrother, James Bradley, T. F. Lyons, Patrick Kearney, Jeremiah Donovan, Richard J. Conway, John O'Brien, John Higgins, Samuel Campbell, Thomas Collins, Mesdames Martin Lane, Julia Holley, Martin Conway, Timothy Rogers, John Hughes, B. W. Kearney, Jeremiah Donovan, Bernard Nugent, Dennis O'Keefe, B. McNulty, Philip Gleason, Patrick Kennelley, T. F. Lyons, Thomas Collins, Denis Mahoney, John Gannon, Kate Stewart, Catherine Maloney, Mary Cowdry, Charles Finnick, Kate Kenney, Nellie Murphy.

General committee—Owen O'Toole, chairman; William F. Holley, secretary; Rev. J. P. B. Desroches, O. M. I., treasurer; Martin Conway, Jr., Carl Delehanty, John Hughes, James Campbell, Neil Mahoney, Misses Nellie Cowdrey, Annie Mahoney, Mary Holley, Mary Hughes, Daniel Twomey, John S. Welsh, John H. Mahoney, William Costello, Timothy McCarthy, Misses Etta McCusker, Delia Conley, Letitia Blake, Annie Burke, Anna Dooris, J. J. Mahoney, Edward Morris, Timothy Mahoney, James Burke, Frederic Gannon, Misses Isabel Fairbrother, Mary Seymour, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Annie Dewire, Nellie Dewire.

Members of the chorus: John Fairbrother, Jas. Rielly, Ed. Rielly, Ed. Morris, Thomas Sheridan, Wm. Taylor, Ambrose Hennessey, James Gannon, Frederick Gannon, J. J. Mahoney, J. S. Welsh, Wm. Holley, Timothy McCarty, Geo. Carney, Henry O'Brien, Jas. J. Campbell, John Reardon, Jas. Higgins, Wm. Maxwell, Joseph McCusker, Carl Delehanty, Charles Hughes, Neil R. Mahoney, Misses Mary Emmett, Mary Seymour, Letitia Blake, Ester Carney, Nellie Dooris, Jennie Dooris, Bell Fairbrother, Annie Burke, Ella Rielly, Mollie Kennelly, Annie Higgins, Agnes Rielly, Maud Hannon, Mamie O'Brien, Etta Paige, Mary E. McCusker, Jennette Morris, Annie Bradley, Nellie Campbell, Etta Hoar, Annie Hoar, Maggie Connelly, Annie Dooris, Frances Gannon, Nellie Cainin, Rose McSorley, Louise Higgins, Maggie Fitzpatrick; Nellie Murphy and Maud Campbell, accompany flag bearers.

BUTLER VETS

MAY GO TO ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

The Butler Veteran Firemen's association ran one of its social sessions in their rooms at the corner of Cross and Fletcher streets last evening. The little roast pig was in evidence, together with a lot of other good things. It was announced that the band connected with the association would no longer be called the Gen. Butler Fife, Drum and Bugle corps, but will be known as the Gen. Butler V. F. association band.

During the evening Foreman James Walker announced that the Gen. Butlers will attend the first muster of the season which will be held in Gloucester, June 17. He also said that he wished that the members of the association would get together and push matters in order that the Butlers might attend the international muster which will be held at the St. Louis exposition.

Ned Deluth was on hand with a most toothsome repast. During the evening the Mozart quartet rendered several selections and Purchasing Agent James Donnelly sang. The other contributors to the evening's enjoyment were Foreman James Walker, W. T. Ross, the Butler Vets quartet, composed of James Donnelly, Ledger Punton, John Cook and James Walsh.

JOHN REDMOND

Predicts Defeat of the Government

LONDON, March 18—A banquet was held at the hotel Cecil last night, presided over by John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, and attended by the members of the nationalist party in the house of commons and prominent Irishmen in London.

A cablegram of greeting from the United Irish league of America was read.

Mr. Redmond, in proposing the toast of "Ireland a Nation," said that the opportunity had almost arrived for Ireland to be a deciding factor in the making or unmaking of the government of Great Britain. The coming general election would witness the defeat of the unionist government and Mr. Redmond urged the Irish voters in Great Britain to put the question of home rule above everything else. He said that the future depended upon the power and unity of the Irish party in parliament.

IN IRELAND

LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION IN DUBLIN WAS IN A HEAVY RAIN.

LONDON, Mar. 18.—St. Patrick's day was little observed in England. Few flags were flown and there was little demand for shamrocks.

Queen Alexandra made her customary gift of Shamrocks to the Irish guards. Each man was presented with a sprig on parade yesterday morning at Aldershot.

In Ireland the day was generally observed as a holiday and business was suspended. The lord mayor's procession, which was in a heavy rain, was the principal attraction in Dublin.

PLEASANT SOCIAL

AT THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

A fine social was held at the Young Men's Christian association in Hurd street last night, it being one of the members' pleasant socials.

Every seat in the association hall was occupied. A party of Nashua people arrived during the early part of the evening.

The entertainment was in the hands of Rev. S. D. Millin. His readings were of a varied character.

Miss Elizabeth Huntley, a talented contralto, who has not been very long in the East, won unstinted applause by her work.

Mr. Clayton Kimball was accompanist. He also played a solo, the movement of which was filled with dash, and it pleased.

The Women's auxiliary served ice cream and cake following the completion of the program.

POISONED CANDY

WAS NOT SENT FROM BOONE, IOWA.

DES MOINES, Ia. March 18.—By means of a powerful magnifying glass, it was discovered yesterday that the box of poisoned candy sent to Miss Nelson at Pierre, S. D., does not bear the Boone, Ia., postmark. The discovery will have a tendency to prove the innocence of Mrs. Sherman Dye, who has been been accused of sending the fatal package.

ARCANUM WHIST PARTY.

The regular meeting of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum, was held last night and during the business meeting there were several applications for membership and two new members were admitted.

After the business meeting the members and friends held the last of the series of whist parties, and twenty tables were in operation during the evening.

The winners of the evening prizes were: First prize, C. E. Esterbrook, 37, combination shears; second, C. E. Edwards, 32, mirror; third prize, L. C. Jelly, 31, pocketbook; booby, Mr. Sullivan, score 7, penwiper.

The winner of the series was E. Dufresne, with a score of 111. Prize, pair military brushes.

CHAFING DISH SUPPER.

The Women's association of the Kirk Street Congregational church gave a very delightful chafing dish supper and entertainment last night in the vestry of the church. About two hundred were present and their appreciation was plainly evident from their frequent expressions of pleasure.

Tables about the hall, each presided over by two hostesses, were very beautifully decorated, and many words of commendation were heard. The supper reflected credit upon the ladies.

The evening's entertainment was furnished by Miss Mabel Bragg of the Normal school, who gave a number of excellent readings which she classed under the head of "Story Tellings." Every number given by her was a gem and was related in such a natural manner as to win richly deserved applause.

TO CHAIN CHAPIN MINE.

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., March 18.—Yesterday the water was turned into the large steel flues of the hydraulic works, two miles from here, which are to furnish the power to chain the Chapin mine of the U. S. Steel corporation, one of the largest ore mines in the world. Two of the large compressors also were started. In a day or so the other large compressors will be started.

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BOY IS GUILTY

He was Charged With Murder

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—Herman Heimberger, 17 years old, one of the four boys who on January 22, killed Grocer Bernard Balzano, was last night found guilty of murder in the second degree. The only punishment provided by law is life imprisonment. Trueman, Draper and Rosselet, the three lads who were indicted with Heimberger, will be tried next month.

The defense admitted that the fatal shot was fired from Heimberger's revolver, but claimed that the gun was accidentally discharged while one of the boys was trying to take it out of Heimberger's hand. It was also admitted that the boys entered the store for the purpose of robbing Balzano. According to the residents the boys were addicted to dime novel reading.

IN PHILADELPHIA

ST. PATRICK'S DAY OBSERVED BY BIG MEETINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—The principal events of St. Patrick's day in this city were the 113th annual dinner of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and a public meeting held by the United Irish societies of Philadelphia at the Academy of Music. Both events took place last night. The principal speaker at the public meeting was Col. John F. Finerty of Chicago, president of the United Irish league of America, who in the course of his remarks said:

"The Irish people of the United States will oppose with their votes and their influence any candidate of any party who favors a closer bond between this country and England."

Among the speakers at the dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick were Congressman De Armond of Missouri; Gov. Pennypacker and Mayor Weaver of this city.

CARS DERAILED

NO ONE INJURED IN CRASH AT NEWTON JUNCTION.

HAVERHILL, March 18.—One hundred and fifty passengers on the Portland express train that left Boston yesterday afternoon at 4.15 escaped uninjured in a collision with a freight train at Newton Junction, N. H. Twenty freight cars were derailed and the forward part of the engine of the freight train was separated from the tender in the collision, both being overturned.

The Portland express, which was in charge of Conductor Edward Roberts, with Clarence W. Dodge of Portland engineer, left this city on time at 5.14. The train makes a quick run between this city and Exeter, N. H., and is supposed to pass the Boston freight bound for North Berwick at the siding at Newton Junction. The freight train was in charge of Conductor Edward Saunders of North Berwick, with Al White as engineer. The freight consisted of 20 cars, and the cars were being shifted onto the siding when the collision occurred.

William Roswell was supposed to keep the freight on the siding until after the Portland passenger express passed. He opened the switch, and after the freight had started he realized that the Portland express was due. The express train came along at a fast speed and Engineer Dodge perceived the danger when he saw the freight proceeding onto the main line from the siding.

Dodge put on the air brakes, but it was impossible to avoid a collision and with his fireman, Dodge, jumped from his engine. The two trains came together, the engine of the freight being torn from its tender and both portions of it being overturned. The engine of the express train was derailed, as was the mail car, but the passenger coaches remained on the iron. The passengers were all shaken up by the collision and as the cars crashed into the freight train all the cars on the latter were derailed.

Engineer Dodge in jumping was injured, receiving severe cuts about the head and body, and it is feared that he is hurt internally. The engineer and firemen of the freight train also jumped and escaped unhurt. Traffic on the road was impeded for an hour, after which the through trains were sent over another siding.

MUSIC SUPPER

AT THE GRACE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

One of the largest audiences of the season was present at Grace church last evening to listen to the inspiring music of Tufts college students and also to enjoy a good supper. The affair was not in charge of any society, but was arranged by a committee of ladies, who were well repaid for their indefatigable efforts. It was quite evident that no mistake had been made in securing the college boys as the attraction.

A supper, fully as good as "regulars" was served from 6 until 7.45 o'clock, and in that time it was estimated 325 persons partook of a most apetizing repast.

The program given by the college boys was as follows:

Piano duet, Miss Maud Marshall, Mrs. Charles A. Dane; song (selected), Mrs. Nettie A. Roberts; reading (selected), Mr. Howard Charles Gale; song (selected), Mr. Charles Hosea Temple; mandolin duet, Mr. Charles Henry Emmons, Mr. Delmar Everett Trout; song (selected), Mr. John Eben Moulton; violin solo, Mr. Trout; song, Mr. Roberts; reading, Mr. Gale; song, Mr. Temple; mandolin duet, Messrs. Emmons and Trout; song, Mr. Moulton; mandolin duet, Messrs. Emmons and Trout; accompanist, Miss Mabel F. Howe.

The ladies who had the affair in charge were Mrs. Henry St. Martin, Miss Marion Wilkins and Mrs. George Howes.

The hosts of the occasion were Messrs. Arthur Abbott and J. G. Marshall.

FACED BURGLAR

BANK PRESIDENT DREW REVOLVER ON HIM.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., March 18.—A big pistol instead of money, is what President Freeman of the Security National bank pulled out of the cashier's drawer yesterday when a man entered the bank, shoved a revolver through the window and demanded all the cash in reach. Mr. Freeman, who was alone at the time, held the would-be robber safe until help arrived. The highwayman is now in jail, but refuses to give his name.

STORM DID GREAT DAMAGE.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—The heaviest hail storm on record here, followed by terrific rain, occurred yesterday afternoon, doing a great deal of damage in the city.

PANAMA CANAL

REPORT MADE BY BUNAU-VARILLA.

PARIS, March 18.—Phillippe Bunau-Varilla, who arrived yesterday by the French line steamer Lorraine, has given in an interview a full history of his efforts to secure the completion of the Panama canal. In concluding he said in reference to the unfriendly rumors which had been circulated:

"I did not tender my services for any work and did not mix with any business connected with the completion of the canal. I have received no salary as minister plenipotentiary from Panama to the United States, but have asked that it be used to head a subscription list for the erection of a statue to the late M. De Lesseps, on the bank of the canal which he desired to see completed."

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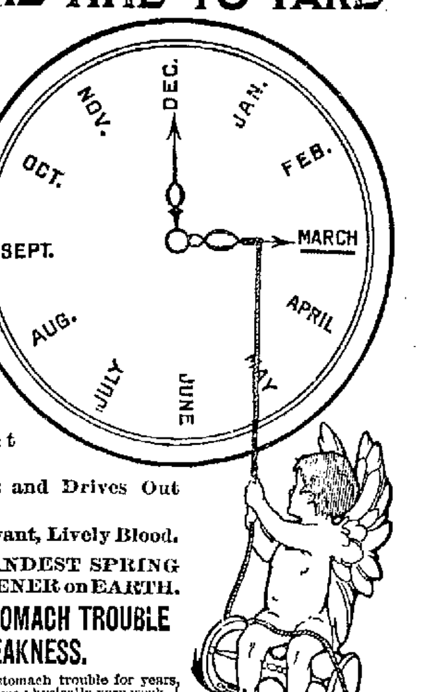

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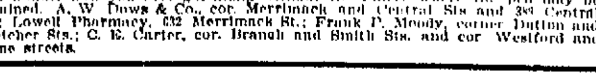

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PAY HELD UP

City Employes Got Bad Scare

UPON APPLYING FOR THEIR PAY TODAY

Mayor Had Not Signed Weekly Draft

The early bird generally gets the worm, but this morning at City hall the early bird got a big surprise when he went into the city treasurer's office seeking the worm, and for a little while he was doing some tall guessing.

Before the city employes can be paid off it is necessary for the mayor to sign a draft which the auditor prepares for him and which is taken to the city treasurer when signed.

Usually this draft is signed on Thursday afternoon so that the treasurer is ready to pay off as soon as he opens his office on Friday morning. Last night, however, the mayor went home before the auditor sent up the draft and hence it remained unsigned until 9.30 this morning when the mayor came to city hall.

But when the city treasurer opened up the usual crowd of early birds were there, including several policemen who had just come off duty and were on their way home. All were much surprised when the city treasurer politely informed them that their pay would not be forthcoming until the mayor had signed the weekly draft.

With instances of held-up bills and payrolls in mind the applicants for pay were much disturbed, but when it was explained to them that everyone in the city employ was in a similar box they felt more at ease and were content to wait half an hour until his honor arrived, after which time everything sailed along smoothly.

INSTANTLY KILLED

GAS EXPLODED IN A COAL MINE YESTERDAY.

HENRY, W. Va., March 18—C. E. Henderson and two Polish miners, were instantly killed yesterday by an explosion of gas in a coal mine here.

NEGRO ASSAILANT

CONFESSED TO KILLING ITALIAN WOMAN.

ROANOKE, Va., March 18—Henry Williams, the negro assailant of Mrs. Shield and her little daughter in this city on January 30, has confessed to killing an Italian woman at East Liverpool, Ohio, and to cutting a woman's throat in Pennsylvania. Williams will be hanged here tomorrow.

Straw matting 10c per yard, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

STOLE PAPERS

SMALL BOY TOOK A BIG BUNDLE OF THEM.

John Coyne, 10, whose home is at 385 School street, was arrested this forenoon for the alleged larceny of 40 newspapers.

Johnnie's mother was communicated with and went to the rescue. Because of his tender age, he was not detained at the police station. He was allowed to go home with his mother and the case will be heard later. Johnnie is a very bright boy and his propensity to purloin is decidedly a new feature of his make-up. He has been a good boy and his recent venture seems a bit peculiar. He didn't go home yesterday and a search was instituted last night but Johnnie was not discovered.

He "bunked out," and at the early morning he called at the Middlesex street depot and connected with a bundle of papers. He was taken in charge by the police, however, before he had disposed of but few of the papers.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Elrene lodge of Good Templars was held last evening with a large attendance. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of sympathy for Chief Templar Wiley F. Johnson, who lost his son in the sad drowning accident in the Merrimack river last Monday.

The following members were chosen as delegates to the coming session of the grand lodge in April: Mrs. Jennie Turnbull, Mrs. Laura Hands and W. F. Johnson; alternates, Mrs. Martha White, John F. Kelley and Miss Myra White.

It was voted to hold a pound party April 7.

In the good of the order remarks were made by the district superintendent of juvenile temples, John Brady, and the lodge deputy, Frank A. McLean. Miss Ivy Hands gave a piano solo. E. S. Varney read a selected poem, entitled "The Little Boy That Died." It was suggested by the recent sad bereavement in the home of the chief templar, W. F. Johnson. Chief Templar Flanders of Gen. Fiske lodge made the closing speech, extending the sympathy of the lodge to the bereaved parents of the Johnson boy.

Lowell aerie of Eagles met in regular session last night, but transacted little business. There were 125 applications for membership but owing to the small attendance at the meeting it was decided to postpone the initiation until a time when they could be received by the entire body. Adjournment was voted until next Thursday night.

The regular meeting of Corps 33, W. R. C., was held last evening. Arrangements for the formation of Middlesex County association, to be held in Post 120, G. A. R., hall, March 29, at 10 o'clock a. m. were completed. Great enthusiasm was manifested. The corps has been invited to exemplify the work of the W. R. C. and have consented.

SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MEDICINE

LONDON, March 18.—Sir Donald Currie has donated $500,000 to the University college and London university. It is intended with this sum to build a school of advanced medicine and it will also enable the university to incorporate the college in its system.

LOWELL TOOK A RIDE IN A JAUNTING CAR YESTERDAY AND ENJOYED IT.

BOWLING NEWS.

An amusing game was bowled on the alleys last night by the lady friends of the Mohair Cricket club and the members of the different teams demonstrated their ability in knocking down the pins even if the scores made were not record breakers. Mrs. T. Southam captained the Batleys, while the Dewsburys were under the leadership of Mrs. John Harriman.

The Dewsburys were in the game until the last string, when their opponents went in and won the string by a margin of 20 pins, which resulted in a victory by five pins.

Mrs. Charles Aveyard won first prize, having a three string total of 386, while the second prize went to Mrs. George Fox, who had a single string of 61. The score:

BATLEY.

	1	2	3	Total
Mrs. T. Southam	46	50	56	152
Mrs. George Fox	61	54	51	166
Miss Billings	58	46	58	162
Mrs. Williams	44	45	51	140
Miss Harnden	50	59	51	160
Total	258	254	267	780.

DEWSBURY.

Mrs. J. Harriman	51	47	47	145
Mrs. C. Aveyard	57	70	71	198
Mrs. C. Jenkins	58	50	46	154
Mrs. J. Harrison	43	51	54	148
Mrs. Cooper	58	52	29	129
Total	267	270	247	784

RAMBLERS WON.

The Ramblers and the Orients played a closely contested game last night in the Recreation Bowling league tournament, the former team winning by a score of 1219 to 1209. For the winning team Marsden was bibb single and high total man. For the Orients Galvin was high single man and Slavin and Kelly were tied in high totals.

The score:

RAMBLERS.

	1	2	3	Total
Simpson	84	85	93	262
O'Brien	72	77	79	228
Marsden	98	90	95	283
Rigby	70	74	75	229
Moran	89	78	90	257
Total	421	404	421	1249

ORIENTS.

Lang	86	72	85	243
Lyman	80	83	81	244
Galvin	92	75	79	246
Slavin	78	83	87	248
Kelly	74	83	96	253
Total	410	396	423	1229

MOHAIR RESERVES WON.

A well contested bowling match took place yesterday afternoon on Les Miserables bowling alleys between the Mohair Reserves and the Olives, the former winning by a score of 1179 to 1112. F. Harrison was high single and high total for the victorious team, while Edwards was high single and high total man for the Olives.

The score:

MOHAIR RESERVES.

	1	2	3	Total
J. Rhodes	80	79	83	242
Collins	81	80	74	235
Southam	70	73	72	215
Rudden	70	79	85	234
F. Harrison	78	72	91	241
Total	389	383	405	1179

OLIVES.

Edwards	72	73	93	238
W. Rhodes	71	66	70	207
Langevin	76	75	68	219
Pascall	74	68	81	223
Clark	57	73	68	223
Total	350	362	380	1112

Cooper's Cloak and Suit Store, 320 Merrimack street.

ROAD ASSOCIATION MEET.

ERIE, Pa., March 18—Going on record as not being opposed to the improvement of any roads, the first annual meeting of the New York and Chicago association, closed yesterday with the adoption of a resolution favoring the building of a national highway between the two cities above named, through the southern tier of counties of New York and westwardly along the Lake Shore, through Cleveland and Toledo to Chicago. Joseph W. Hunter, state highway commissioner of Pennsylvania, was instructed to go over the proposed route and estimate the cost of construction. The meeting next year will be in Elmira, N. Y.

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One lot of Taffeta Ribbon, all colors, regular 19c quality, FOR THIS SALE 10c YARD

One lot of Satin Taffeta Ribbon, regular 39c quality, FOR THIS SALE 19c YARD

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CHELMSFORD CENTRE.

Miss Ockington's dancing class gave a reception at the Centre town hall last evening and it was a grand success. Hibbard's orchestra furnished music and there was a large attendance. The grand march was led by Master Sidney Perham and Miss Marjorie Armstrong, and following it were dances, round and square, interspersed with which were numbers given in costume. There was a great variety of novel and fashionable dances all well executed.

MINION CLUB'S PARTY.

A pretty dancing party was held at Prescott hall last night under the auspices of the Minion club. The hall was large and Kittredge's orchestra furnished the music for dancing. The officers were: General manager, Frank Clark; assistant general manager, John Conner; floor director, James Flynn; assistant floor director, William McLaughlin; chief aid, Walter King; treasurer, William Haygan.

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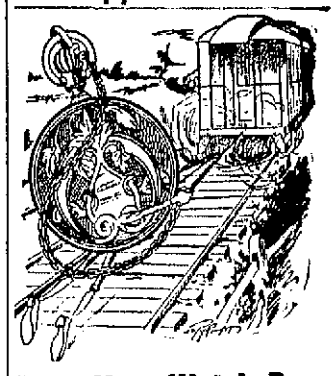

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15,252 The sworn daily average circulation for two months of 1904 was: **15,252**

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

The experiment of having the police work six nights a week is to be tried in Lawrence. It was not ordained that police officers and firemen should be barred from the benefits of a weekly day of rest.

The prospect is growing that the seventy eight delegates from New York state will be all for Judge Parker. The Tammany leader who was for Cleveland has had reason to change his mind and now the Tammany men have already made concessions to Judge Parker's supporters, particularly to David B. Hill.

THE MERGER VICTORY.

The victory won by the government in the merger case of the Northern Securities Co., shows that there are at present laws enough to restrain the trusts if those laws were enforced. The anti-trust laws have never been enforced and this particular case is one of the few in which the chief executive of the nation presumed to authorize action against the establishment of dangerous monopolies.

THAT ST. LOUIS LOAN.

There is considerable obection to the granting of a large loan by congress to the St. Louis fair company. The company wants $1,000,000, and judging from the denouement of some fairs in the past some people think that the loan may never be paid. The reputation of St. Louis is not the best, and although the enterprise is one that should receive some general encouragement yet there are serious doubts as to whether the enterprise will pay. It appears that congress is willing to take the chances.

QUEER CHARGE OF BARBARISM.

Whether justly or not the Japanese are accused of having recourse to the barbarous practice of using poisoned swords against the Russians. It is claimed that swords left behind by routed Japanese were so poisoned. If the charge can be sustained it will cause an alienation of sympathy from Japan. Such cruelty is inhuman and could only serve to stigmatize the nation that used it. The world has reached too high a stage of civilization to tolerate any such practice as that. No doubt the charge, even if true, will be sternly denied by Japan. Let us hope it is untrue

MORMONISM SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

The investigation of the Smoot case at Washington has brought out the fact that the Mormons have 10,000 Elders or missionaries at work all the time canvassing for converts. They travel to all parts of the world and have a knack of making converts that seems wholly mysterious to those unacquainted with their methods. It appears also that the Mormon missionaries are making converts all over the world, and that in spite of hostile legislation in this country. They are still increasing in membership and continuing the practice of polygamy.

It would be a good thing for this country if the Mormons were banished. Their influence is bad and they seem to ignore the laws framed to stamp out the crime which is made the cardinal principle of their religion.

FALSE TEETH AND LONGEVITY.

The New York Times argues that false teeth have something to do with longevity. A certain doctor of some eminence has been writing letters in the Century Magazine on the subject of "How to Live Long," giving advice against the various causes that shorten life. As the article ignored or overlooked the possible evil of false teeth, the New York Times rises to remark that the failure of the teeth is one of the things that indicate decadence of the stomach. We admit that in infancy or until the teeth have appeared, the child's stomach is not capable of digesting solid food; but we do not admit that failure or decay of the teeth in after life indicates a corresponding failure of the digestive organs. It often happens that persons in the prime of life lose their teeth by decay or other causes, but it would be absurd to suppose that they should then return to the food of infants or even to change their food to any extent. A single tooth or all the teeth may be lost from purely local causes, same as an eye may be lost by injury or abuse, but that does not argue a weakening of the stomach or digestive organization.

The loss of the teeth may be compensated for in a great degree by false teeth, which, however, are never quite so effective as the natural teeth; but with proper precaution in the mastication of food they may serve all practical purposes. This is why in our belief the article in the Century magazine did not refer to this matter considered of so much importance by the New York Times.

REMARKABLE LIBEL CASE.

That was a remarkable libel case instituted by Rev. Dr. Schell against Editor Parkhurst of Zion's Herald and which has just been closed in the superior court by the finding of a verdict of $24,000 for the plaintiff.

While general secretary of the Epworth league in 1890 it seems that Rev. Dr. Schell undertook the publication of a hymn book and it was in connection with this undertaking that Zion's Herald charged him with dishonesty and with using his position for personal gain. Zion's Herald being the organ of the Wesleyan association, the editor presumed that he had a right to use its columns for castigating anybody in the ranks of the association. But religious organs are amenable to the law same as any ordinary publication and this Editor Parkhurst has learned to his cost.

In delivering his charge to the jury Judge Maynard among other things said:

"A person has no right to say untrue things about another which may affect his character. If they are true he has no right to say them in malice.

"If the defendant believed his statements to be true, that would not constitute a justification, but may be considered as bearing on the question of malice.

"So far as you find the statements true, the paper had a right to print them unless you find that they were printed in malice.

"Even if statements are true, and yet are put in to gratify malice, or prompted by feelings of animosity, they are not justified.

"If the conduct of the plaintiff was such as to lead the defendant to believe that the things charged be true, then that is to be taken into consideration in determining the question of malice.

"If you find that the defendant Parkhurst was actuated by malice, that finding will extend to the other defendant.

"Each of the 16 counts in the plaintiff's declaration must be considered separately."

This is the substance of the law of libel condensed and it shows how dangerous an element is malice when dealt out through the columns of any publication. If the verdict be not upset by the supreme court, Editor Parkhurst may have some difficulty in meeting the demand of Dr. Schell. The case has naturally caused much excitement among the Methodists.

SEEN AND HEARD

Report has it that Anthony Conway has purchased the Globe hotel.

Strange isn't it, how well some people enjoy poor health?

The street department men have removed all the snow and ice from Suffolk street and the street is now in splendid condition.

The little Howe girl, who was severely injured in the coasting accident, is improving rapidly and is now able to sit up for a short time each day. She is still at St. John's hospital.

Bees ventilate their hives and keep the air pure by having a sanitary squad beat the air into motion with their wings, after the manner of our own electric fans. This ventilating squad is relieved every half-hour. Other facts no less remarkable are related by Dr. Henry C. McCook, president of the American Entomological society, in an article on Insect Commonwealths, in Harper's for March. The cleanliness of both ants and bees—in both cases immaculate—is not the only virtue in which their examples might well be followed by mankind.

The chime bells of St. Patrick's church were taken down from the tower Wednesday by the men who placed them there. It is thought that the chimes will need retuning. The largest bell of all, St. Patrick's bell, was found to be cracked and will have to be replaced.

The following is from the New York *Evening Fudge*:—

You will probably say there can be no Croton bug four feet long.

That is because you have not reflected that all physical dimensions are relative.

But it is a fact that if you were forty-eight times smaller than you are a Croton bug would appear to you to be four feet in length.

This, however, is not what we now wish to write about. We gave the above little to the article only to attract your attention. We wish to point out an easy way to attain the equalization of wealth.

Mr. Rockefeller is worth a thousand million dollars.

You are worth, say a thousand nickels.

How can you make yourself, at a stroke, as rich as Rockefeller—or Rockefeller as poor as you?

Simply by thinking that each of your nickels is worth a million dollars, or that each of Rockefeller's million dollars is worth a nickel.

After that you will not care whether Croton bugs are four feet long or not.

Thought rules the world.

And we are its thinkiest thinkers.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

MOLLY VARNUMS

ENTERTAINED BY MRS. A. G. WALSH.

Members of the Molly Varnum chapter D. A. R., to the number of about 90 were delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. A. G. Walsh, and Miss Frances E. Hubbook, 419 Andover street.

Miss Mary Ida Howe, regent, presided.

The records of the last meeting were read by the recording secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Howe. It was voted to limit the charter membership to 200.

The regent's nominating committee and the floor committee's list of proposed chapter officers were read.

Miss R. Agnes Williams gave charming violin selections with piano accompaniment by Miss Josephine Boynton, and Miss Etta M. Rutherford favored the ladies with two well rendered soprano solos. Mrs. J. J. Kerwin, accompanist. Mrs. Charles M. Williams read a most interesting and instructive paper concerning the British evacuation of Boston, March 17, 1776. A dainty lunch was served.

BENEFIT DANCE.

The benefit dance tendered to Miss Sivina Manning by the Carders' union in their hall last evening was beyond doubt the greatest social success held in that hall this winter. Over a thousand tickets were sold for the event, and six hundred people attended the party. Gilmore's orchestra furnished music and dancing was enjoyed until midnight. At intermission one of the members took a picture of the entire gathering, to be presented to Miss Manning.

The officers of the party were Miss Margaret Cunniskey, general manager; Miss Maggie Bray, assistant general manager; J. E. Duffy, floor director; Thomas Carty, assistant floor director.

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$8 for Young Men's Suits in black unfinished worsteds. New patterns of spring cheviots and quiet, dark mixed worsteds — every suit of new cut, and coats single or double breast.

$10 for Young Men's Suits fifteen stunning new styles, in Scotch cheviots and worsteds, in black unfinished worsteds, black Thibets and blue serges; every suit new, and coats double or single breast.

$12 for Young Men's Suits ten strikingly handsome patterns in the new cheviots and worsteds —latest spring colorings, and coats single or double breast.

$15 for Young Men's Suits made with hand padded collars and hand worked button holes. Sixteen elegant patterns in the choicest spring cheviots and very fine black, Thibets and unfinished worsteds and blue serges. Made like first-class custom clothing.

$18 and $20 for Young Men's Suits made from the choicest fabrics and absolutely exclusive in pattern. Not one of these styles can be found elsewhere ready-made, with these the finest black unfinished worsteds that are as exquisite in quality as the garments are perfect in fit.

Spring Overcoats for Easter

Covert Coats 32 to 34 inches in length, from new shades olive and olive gray covert cloths, new striped covert cloth and herringbone weaves, from smart homespuns and Donegal cheviots. A strikingly stylish collection from Rogers-Peet and our own shop. $8 to $20 with a wonderful covert coat for . . . **$10**

Moderate Length Spring Overcoats for the conservative man, in smooth faced cloths—or the dressy kind of fine oxfords and Knight's imported black cheviots, in all the richness of silk linings — these regulation length coats from Rogers, Peet & Co., $15 to $30, with excellent ones of our own make . . . **$8**

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Spring Suits for Men

The details of our young men's stocks is an index to the broad and liberal scale on which we have provided new clothes for men. From Rogers-Peet & Co. we have suits this season that leave no possible excuse for a man losing time and money by having clothes made to measure. How unlike ready-made these suits are, how carefully tailored, how perfect fitting, how thoroughly satisfactory in every respect, you can never know until you see them.

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Men's Stunning Suits in a wonderful variety at the extremely popular price $15. Fancy cheviots from Rogers-Peet and our own shop in the very latest spring colorings, handsome smooth worsted fabrics and fine black Thibet, with hand padded collars and hand made buttonholes, coats single or double breast. This is the best exhibition we've ever made of suits at this price and the whole collection is new. We do not believe that style, fit and quality considered, any suits approach these in value for **$15**

Men's Suits in new spring cheviots, fancy worsted cheviots and fine black Thibets. Every suit from our own work-rooms, properly cut, nicely trimmed and tailored in a thorough manner—smart, stylish suits, with single or double breast coats, and we believe them as good as the majority of suits regularly sold three dollars higher. These for $12 and . . . **$10**

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JOSEPH SMITH WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Alderman Miskella Acted as Toastmaster

The St. Patrick's day celebration was brought to a close last night with a grand banquet at the American house, at which 300 persons were present. The guests began to assemble early in the night and at 9 o'clock all marched from the parlors to the dining hall, where the banquet was served. The place was packed to the doors and many were unable to gain admission to the large room. Rev. John P. Reynolds, O. M. I., Alderman Miskella, who acted as toastmaster, Mayor Howe, Joseph Smith, the principal speakers, occupied seats at the head table with Chief Marshal O'Connell.

Rev. Fr. Reynolds said grace before sitting down to the banquet.

The menu was a most tempting one and it was nearly 11 o'clock before the speech-making began. Alderman Miskella called to order and said that his duty was confined to presenting the various speakers, but before proceeding with this work he wanted to express congratulations to the chief marshal and the men who took part in the parade for the great success that crowned their efforts. He felt certain, he said, that every Irishman and son of an Irishman in Lowell took pride in the spectacle presented during the day when 1600 men marched through the streets of Lowell. He then called on Chief Marshal O'Connell, who received an ovation when he rose to speak. Mr. O'Connell thanked his guests for the reception. He said that words failed to convey the sincere thanks he would like to express to all those who made the parade a success. He would like to take each by the hand and thank him individually, he said, but this would be almost impossible, so he wanted them to accept his expressions of gratitude at this time and to rest assured that he felt under a personal obligation to all, that he only hoped he will be able to discharge at some future time.

Mayor Howe was also received with cheers when he was presented. He said that he felt entirely at home in the present company. "Gathered about this table are many men with whom I have been associated in a business and social way, and so I realize that I am with friends and am one of you. I want to congratulate you upon your selection of your chief marshal and also I want to congratulate him upon his selection of his aids who helped him to make possible one of the best parades that Lowell has ever witnessed."

Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board, was the principal speaker of the evening. He said in part:

In our unthinking moments we are prone to speak of the Irish as the "Fighting Race;" but let me beseech you to put away such folly. Too much good Irish blood has been wasted on fields of slaughter for kings and kings-craft; and while the loyalty and valor of Irish soldiers have sustained many causes, the fame of the race and the renown of the land rests on the nobler achievements of peace, civilization and religion. God's work is not subserved by the slayer of men, but by him who lifts up his fellow and points the road to heaven.

The true glory and honor of Ireland are in the triumph of her missionaries and apostles, her preachers and pioneers of peace. Military glory is a false God; his victories fill the world with tears and sighs and are written in the desolation of the land and the anguish of the homeless and fatherless. It is the pride of our land, that though the race has fought in vain for seven centuries to rid itself of a cruel and greedy oppressor, it has maintained its integrity and achieved the victory of the vanquished. In evil fortune and good the light and leading of Patrick has endured; and the hideous code of government and models which the oppressor has termed civilization is as far from Irish life today as the day her seven centuries of malignant misrule began.

Christian civilization, Irish civilization, the civilization of Washington and Lincoln are one and the same; a civilization based upon the utterances of Him who preached among the Galilean hills 1900 years ago, reaffirmed and baptized in blood on Bunker hill and written broad and deep into the Declaration of Independence and the American Constitution; a civilization whose fruits are freedom, humanity, education, charity for the weak, justice for the oppressed, religion, unhampered, speech unfettered, the captive set free, the home made sacred and the mothers of th race exalted to the places of honor.

I urge you, therefore, to stand staunchly by the clean and simple standards of life and living taught you in the wholesome atmosphere of your Irish homes. Reverence, chastity, honor, honesty faith, fidelity and charity are still the real things to cling to, for these are the bases of Christian living, the bulwarks of the Christian home, the bed rock of Christian civilization. Cling to your Irish ideals; nurture the spiritual forces of your nature; keep unclean things from your children and you will endure. If you seek refreshment in the stream of American life, go to its sources, where Washington and his confreres drank from the living waters; but eschew the filthy streams that flow into the ocean of oblivion. Only by holding fast to the things that made this land and the old land honored in the ages can you hope to perpetuate yor name and blood. Make money if you may; but true men and good women you must make to endure.

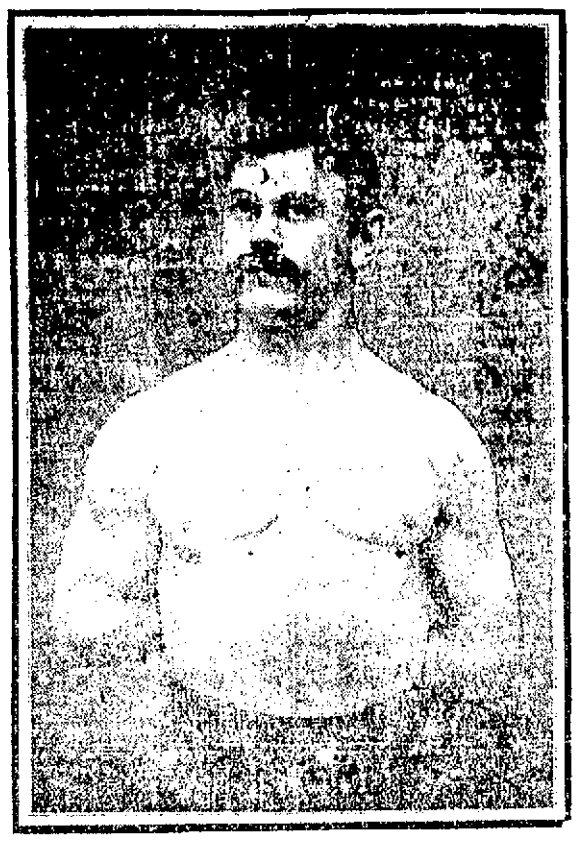
A nation's greatness lies in men, not acres;
One master mind is worth a million hands."

Daniel J. Donahue made a brief speech appropriate to the occasion and congratulatory on the success of the parade.

James E. Donnelly, purchasing agent, then sang several Irish airs and won great applause.

Michael Conley next sang two selections and Rev. Fr. Reynolds, chaplain of the day, was called on for remarks. Fr. Reynolds spoke briefly and said that the occasion gave him opportunity to offer his congratulations to the officials of the day. He said that riding over the route of the parade he could not help finding pleasure in the appearance and number of the men in line. It surpassed, he believed, the fondest hopes of the managers and only went to show what can be accomplished by honest effort. Fr. Reynolds was loudly applauded when he resumed his seat.

Brief addresses by John J. Hogan, Richard Lyons, J. Joseph Hennessey and Frank J. Kierce brought the convention to a close.



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TRIMMED AGAIN

Lowell Rubbed It Into Manchester

KANE AND MATHEWS PLAY FAST GAME

South Framingham Beaten by Haverhill

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 18—The Lowell basketball team defeated the home team here last night by a score of 36 to 27. The game was a fiercely contested one and was replete with rough-house work. In the absence of Healey, who was injured in the game at Lowell, Pete Regan was called into requisition and while he was a willing worker, he failed to put up the clever article of basketball that the former always was noted for. In his attempt to cope with the big fellows of the Lowell team Regan frequently committed fouls and when lost in the shuffle trying to cover Holleron and Loos, Donnelly would come to his assistance, only to leave the floor clear for Toby Mathews, who would take advantage of the opening and shoot the ball into the basket.

Loos was substituted for Holleron in the last period and played a good game.

The score at the end of the first period was 10 to 7, and at the end of the second period 35 to 11 each in favor of the Lowell team.

Lineup and summary:

MANCHESTER.	LOWELL.
Qualey lf	rb Holleron, Loos
Regan rf	lb Leighton
Lynch lb	rf Kane
Donnelly rb	lf Mathews

Score—Lowell 36, Manchester 27. Goals from floor, Holleron, Leighton 6, Getzinger 3, Kane 6, Mathews 8, Loos 1, Qualey, Lynch 2, Devlin 7, Donnelly 4. Points on fouls, Lowell 6, Manchester 7. Fouls committed, Holleron 3, Leighton 2, Getzinger, Kane 7, Mathews 7, Loos, Qualey, Regan 5, Lynch 6, Devlin 2, Donnelly 4. Referee, Michael Godley of Fitchburg. Timekeepers, James Gray for Lowell, Capt. Connelly for Manchester. Attendance, 500.

AN AWFUL DRUBBING.

HAVERHILL, March 18.—The home team defeated the South Framinghams, the New England league basketball leaders, in a very fast game here last night by the overwhelming score of 72 to 23.

After the first three minutes' of play the South Framinghams had no chance to win being outclassed by the whirlwind game the Shoe city boys put up. Big Pat Doyle of the home team made some very sensational basket shots and connected with the basket fourteen times.

Before the end of the second period he had secured thirteen baskets and was being well fed by the home players with a view of breaking the basket-shooting record but the visitors got onto the game and covered him so well that during the remainder of the game Pat was unable to connect with the basket but once.

Bucky Lew outplayed Harry Hough, scoring twice on the latter and allowing the South Framingham wonder to score but once. He verily played Hough to a standstill and with Doyle were the heroes of the occasion.

During the game not a foul was called on South Framingham and only three on the home team.

Ferat played the best game for the visiting team.

Here in Haverhill, now that the home team has struck a winning gait, its admirers look to the Shoe city boys to give Lowell another trouncing on Saturday afternoon in the Spindle city.

Lineup and summary:—

HAVERHILL.	S. FRAMINGHAM
Kennedy rf	lb Mayham
Heron lf	rb Kinkaide
Wachter c	c Mulliner
Lew rb	lf Hough
Doyle lb	rf Ferat

Score—Haverhill 72, South Framingham 23. Goals from the floor Heron 7, Kennedy 3, Wachter 5, Doyle 14, Lew 2, Ferat 7, Hough, Mulliner, Mayham, Kinkaide. Points on fouls—South Framingham. Referee—Charles Connors of Lowell. Timekeepers—Connie Driscoll for Haverhill, John F. Sullivan for South Framingham. Attendance—500.

Tomorrow the New England league championship will end and two games will be played in this city. In the afternoon the strong Haverhill team that has been defeating every team in the league, including South Framingham, will face the locals in Huntington hall and those who see the contest will get their money's worth. It will be worth going miles to see as those who have ever witnessed a game between the teams will attest. Four times it has been necessary for these two teams to engage in extra period games in order to determine a winner and in three of these Lowell has come out on top only after the hardest kind of a battle. Lowell is represented on the Haverhill team for Bucky Lew, Jimmy Harrington and Bill Kelliher are members of Connie Driscoll's aggregation. The Haverhill cranks are coming up in a special car and there will be fun galore. Tomorrow evening the P. A. C. team with Allard, Tighe, O'Neil, Fields and Abbott, will face the Lowell players for the final game of the season and there should be something doing, as the P. A. C. boys have got team work down fine and will try to defeat the Lowell team.

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Saturday

Coat Style Suit of Mixture $20.00	Suit of Mixture made in the coat style and instep length skirt; coat 22 in. long with long shoulder effect and flat stitched collar with piping $20.00	**Free—VIOLETS—Free** TO EVERY PURCHASER OF EITHER A SHIRT WAIST OR HOSIERY TO THE VALUE OF 50c WILL BE GIVEN A BUNCH OF VIOLETS FREE.	Air Tight Eton Suit $30.00	Air Tight Eton Walking Suit of an exclusive mixture, with decidedly new effect of trimming, with champagne colored Broadcloth and also skirt with new idea in kilt effects. $30.00
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About 50 Ladies' Sweaters in colors, White, Navy, Green and Red, also some combinations in sizes 36 to 40.

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500 dozen 12½c Huckabuck Towels, 3 for 25c.

50 dozen Turkish Towels, 12½c each, were 17c.

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10 pieces 72 inch Bleached Damask, extra heavy, good quality, worth $1.39, only 98c a yard.

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3 pieces Unbleached Damask, worth 45c a yard, only 29c a yard.

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50 dozen Bleached Napkins, 22½ inches square, pretty designs, were $4.25 a dozen, only $2.75 a dozen.

900 yards Plain Linen for Shirt Waists and Suits, regular price 75c and $1.00 a yard. These are remnants, 1 to 5 yards, only 39c a yard.

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150 Ready-to-wear Hats, from 98c to $2.98.

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A GRAND SUCCESS

Was C. Y. M. L. Party Last Evening

AN ENTERTAINMENT PRECEDED THE DANCE

Proceeds Go to St. Patrick's Church

The entertainment and dance of the C. Y. M. L. in Huntington hall drew a great crowd to the hall, last evening, and the affair was a grand success in every respect. The proceeds which netted a substantial amount go to the building fund of St. Patrick's church.

A novel entertainment was given in the early part of the evening and it was followed by dancing to the music of the Middlesex orchestra. The only thing in the line of booths was the lemonade table located at the left of the hall where John Joseph Hayes dispensed the cooling beverage to the dancers.

The hall was draped in red, white, blue and green bunting.

The entertainment was a vaudeville sketch, the first part being a "Musical Lawn Party," introducing specialties by several talented performers. In the "Lawn Party" Mr. John J. McNabb acted as host and he had for his guests the following: Mrs. John J. McNabb, Mrs. Ethel C. Ranger, Lillian M. O'Brien, Alice M. Fanent, Elizabeth F. Connell, Pauline L. Delmore, Mary D. Doyle, Margaret J. Grennan, Alice McCarthy, Ella I. Brennan, Julia T. Allen, Anna G. Quinn, Annie G. Doyle, Lilla L. Rogers, Gertrude Mahan, Mabel McCarthy. Messrs. John L. Fahey, Frank J. McCarthy, Frank J. McNabb, Charles E. Walsh, John J. Holleran, John P. Cryan, Frank J. Higgins, J. Harry Flaherty, Thomas J. Wallace, William P. Wholey, John J. Carroll, John P. Phelan, John J. Keegan, Timothy F. Rohan, Edward J. McCarthy, Herbert R. Daly, Charles J. Mulholland, William A. Barry, William J. Enright, John McCarthy, William C. Looney. The "Lawn Party" was a huge success for both host and guests cooperated in making it enjoyable. The several numbers, all of which were encored, were as follows: "Come Back to Erin," chorus; "Killarney," Mr. John Phelan; "Kathleen Mavourneen," Miss Ethel C. Ranger; "Little Tommy Murphy," Mr. John J. Carroll; "Let Erin Remember," chorus; reading, Miss Lillian M. O'Brien; "The Wearing of the Green," Mr. Frank J. McCarthy; Finale, "Tara," Mr. John Fahey.

Part two consisted of songs and dances by Miss Bella Lavigne, queen of fairyland; a sketch, scene from Camille, by Miss Elizabeth Doran and Mr. Michael J. Mahoney, which caught the crowd, and "The Last Rose of Summer," sung by Miss Ethel Ranger.

The third and closing number proved the hit of the evening. It consisted of the roaring farce, "Rooney's Restaurant," and the several participants showed unusual talent by the manner in which they essayed the different characters. Edward McCarthy was "Reckless Ralph," the terror of the "Reckless Ralph," the terror of the plains, played the part in a style which brought out favorable comment on all sides.

The cast was made up as follows:

John Fearful, a benedict .....J. Harry Flaherty
Pat Rooney, a son of the bogs .....John J. McNabb
Reckless Ralph, the terror of the plains .....Edward McCarthy
Samuel Swelthead, a dude .....Frank Higgins
Mrs. Fearful Miss Lillian M. O'Brien
Miss Catchem, an old maid .....Mrs. John J. McNabb
Accompanist, Mr. John H. Kelty.

The officers of the dance were: General manager, John M. Hogan; assistant, William A. Barry; floor director, John J. Doyle; assistant, Cornelius A. Brosnahan; chief aid, John H. Murphy; aids, John McLaughlin, William P. Callahan, Frank R. Brady, Charles R. Doyle, Maurice H. Powers, Thomas B. Rafter, William J. Enright, Joseph L. Cronin, George A. Baril, James L. Dowle, George A. Lynch, John J. Lonergan, J. Harry Flaherty, John J. Carroll, Cornelius Cronin, Eugene Queenan, John J. Holleran, William Scannell, Thomas J. Wallace, Edward Donohue, Joseph F. Gilley, Thomas A. Mullikan, Thomas F. Sullivan, Frank J. Higgins, D. J. Devine, Louis D. Courtel, James J. Callahan, Edward F. Kearns, John A. Murphy, John J. Flynn, Robert R. Thomas, John J. Noonan, Michael J. Adams, Jeremiah A. Daly, John Lynch, Smith J. Adams.

JOHN M. HOGAN,
General Manager.

JOHN DOYLE,
Floor Director C. Y. M. L.

The general committee was made up of the following named: John M. Hogan, chairman; William A. Barry, assistant chairman; John J. Kennedy, secretary; T. F. Rohan, treasurer; Rev. John J. McHugh, John J. Carroll, Cornelius Cronin, Leland McCormack, John Brennan, John F. Leary, J. Harry Flaherty, William Gillin, Daniel S. O'Brien, John P. Curley, Thomas F. Wallace, William P. Wholey, Joseph O'Brien, John J. Lonergan, Thomas Mahoney, Joseph L. Cronin, John J. Maher, John J. Holleran, Thomas Lee, Herbert Daly, Henry F. Doran, William P. Callahan, John McLaughlin, John J. McNabb, William J. Enright, John A. Murphy, John H. Murphy, John Doyle, Cornelius Bresnahan, Charles R. Doyle, Joseph F. Gilley, Jeremiah A. Daly, Edward Donoghue, James J. Kennedy, John J. O'Connor, Dennis J. Devine, Edward J. Carroll, Edward J. McCarthy, John P. Cryan, Thomas A. Mulligan, Patrick O'Brien, Humphrey Coffey, J. J. Hayes, Hubert McLaughlin, James Rourke, James Brown, Daniel Quinn, Thomas F. Sullivan, John Lynch, Robert R. Thomas, William Scanlon, George Lynch, Jr., Smith J. Adams, John F. Murphy, Simon Riley, John J. Hanlon, John J. Sullivan, John J. Kelly, William E. Looney, George A. Baril, Louis Cofel, William Sullivan, John F. Brodley, James L. Doyle, Thomas B. Rafter, Dr. Thomas B. Smith, Dr. James Gaffney, Dr. Leon Sullivan, Michael J. Adams, John J. Coughlin, Frank J. Higgins, Michael Quinn, John F. Adams, John J. Keegan, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Mack, Albert Peterson, Daniel Leahy, James Callahan, James Morrison, Frank J. McCarthy, Alonzo Fadden, James O'Flahavan.

The reception committee consisted of: John M. Hogan, chairman; William A. Barry, assistant chairman; Rev. John J. McHugh, Timothy F. Rohan, Leland McCormack, John Brennan, John F. Leary, William Gillin, Daniel S. O'Brien, J. P. Curley, William P. Wholey, J. O'Brien, Thomas Mahoney, John Maher, Herbert Daly, Henry Doran, John J. McNabb, John H. Murphy, John J. O'Connor, William J. Carroll, Edward J. McCarthy, John Cryan, Patrick O'Brien, Humphrey Coffey, John J. Hayes, Hubert McLaughlin, James Rourke, James Brown, Daniel Quinn, John Murphy, Simon Riley, John J. Sullivan, John J. Kelly, Wm. A. Looney, William Sullivan, John Brodley, Dr. T. H. Smith, Dr. James Gaffney, Dr. Leon Sullivan, John J. Coughlin, Michael Quinn, John F. Adams, John Keegan, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Mack, Albert Peterson, Daniel Leahy, James Morris, Thomas Lee.

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CRUISER OLYMPIA

TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

COLON, March 18—The United States cruiser Olympia left here Wednesday for Porto Bello, where she will coal. The cruiser is expected to sail for the United States next week.

According to news received from the coast it is rumored that Colombia has given up the idea of invading Panama. Public opinion in many parts of the republic, especially in the department of Cauca, favors the recognition of Panama.

The Colombian gunboats Cartagena and General Pinzon are now in the harbor of Cartagena. President Marroquin is on board one of the vessels.

SPRING ELECTION

ABOLISHED IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, O., March 18—There will be no municipal elections in Ohio this spring. Gov. Herrick yesterday afternoon signed the Chapman bill abolishing spring elections and it is now a law. The term of all elective municipal officers, which would have expired in April, have been extended until after the elections next November.

A constitutional amendment providing that all state and counties officers shall be elected in the even years and all municipal officers in the odd years will be submitted to the vote of the people in 1905.

Sash curtain muslin, 10c per yard, and sash rod for 5c each, at Henry's.

HEAVY SNOW FALL.

CHICAGO, March 18—In a furious snow storm yesterday enough snow fell to make the total for the winter more than break all previous records in Chicago. The season several weeks ago was officially declared the coldest ever known here. As a result of yesterday's storm the elevated railroads of the city were brought to a standstill for two hours, discommoding thousands of passengers.

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JIMMY GARDNER SCORED A POINT

Easily Outclassed Mike Ward

CHICAGO, March 18—Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., outclassed Mike Ward of Sarnia, Ont., in their contest here last night and after six rounds of one-sided fighting was given the decision. Ward was in trouble in the third round and each succeeding round found him growing weaker. At the end of the fight he was decidedly groggy. Ward tried hard to even matters in the last round but after one minute's fighting went all to pieces and clinched constantly to keep from being knocked out.

WREATH ON GRAVE

GRANDCHILDREN HONORED PATRICK DONAHOE'S MEMORY.

BOSTON, Mar. 18—One of the touching incidents of the St. Patrick's day observances took place in St. Augustine's cemetery, in South Boston, when a beautiful wreath of gay leaves and flowers, the gift of his grandchildren, was placed on the monument that marks the last resting place of the late Patrick Donahoe, founder of The Pilot.

They carry out this beautiful custom on each recurring St. Patrick's day, which, by a happy coincidence, was the day of his birth, and by another coincidence, marked the close of his long, honored and useful life.

A purple silk ribbon was attached to the wreath, which bore the word "Grandpa". This custom of the grandchildren is also carried out on Memorial day and Christmas. Mr. Donahoe died three years ago.

"KELLY AND BURKE AND SHEA."

Lowell, March 15.

Editor Sun:—Will you kindly inform me where I can find that stirring Irish poem, the title of which, I believe, is "Kelly, Burke and Shea," or can you print it in The Sun?

Respectfully,
A SUN READER.

The poem referred to is entitled "The Fighting Race," and is given below.—Ed.

THE FIGHTING RACE.

"Read out the names!" and Burke sat back,
And Kelly dropped his head,
While Shea—they call him Scholar Jack—
Went down the list of the dead.
Officers, seamen, gunners, marines,
The crews of the gig and yawl,
The bearded man and the lad in his teens,
Carpenters, coal passers—all.
Then knocking the ashes from out his pipe,
Said Burke in an off-hand way:
"We're all in that dead man's list, by cripe!
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here's to the Maine, and I'm sorry for Spain,"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Wherever there's trouble there's trouble," said Burke;
"Wherever fighting's the game,
Or a spice of danger in grown-man's work,"
Said Kelly, "you'll find my name."
"And do we fall short," said Burke, getting mad,
"When it's touch and go for life?"
Said Shea: "It's thirty odd years, bedad,
Since I charged to drum and fife
Up Maryes Heights, and my old canteen
Stopped a rebel ball on its way.
There were blossoms of blood on our sprigs of green—
Kelly and Burke and Shea—

And the dead didn't brag." "Well, here's to the flag!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"I wish 'twas in Ireland, for there's the place,"
Said Burke, "that we'd die by right
In the cradle of our soldier race
After one good stand-up fight.
My grandfather fell on Vinegar Hill,
And fighting was not his trade;
But his rusty pikes in the cabin still,
With Hessian blood on the blade."
"Aye, aye," said Kelly: "the pikes were great,
When the word was 'clear the way;'
We were thick on the roll in ninety-eight—
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well here's to the pike and the sword and the like!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

And Shea, the scholar, with rising joy,
Said: "We were at Ramilies,
We left our bones at Fontenoy,
And up in the Pyrenees
Before Dunkirk on Landen's plain,
Cremona, Lille and Ghent.
We've all over Austria, France and Spain,
Wherever they pitched a tent.
We've died for England from Waterloo
To Egypt and Dargai;
And still there's enough for a corps or crew,
Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Oh, the fightin' graces don't die out,
If they seldom die in bed
For love is first in their hearts, no doubt,"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea,
"When Michael, the Irish Archangel, stands,
The angel with the sword,
And the battle-dead from a hundred lands,
Are ranged in one big horde,
Our line that for Gabriel's trumpet waits,
Will stretch three deep that day,
From Jehosaphat to the Golden Gates—
Kelly and Burke and Shea.
"Well, here's thank God for the race and the sod!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

PEACH CROP SAFE.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 18. The Constitution today quotes J. N. Hale, one of Georgia's leading peach growers, as saying:

"Georgia's peach crop, which will be the largest and finest ever raised, is safe from cold weather. Even a drop in temperature to 25 degrees above zero would not seriously damage the crop. The bloom came three weeks later than the average this year and the flowers are the healthiest and most perfect I have ever seen."

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

BERLIN, March 18—Hoen Sik Hong, secretary of the Korean legation here, who committed suicide by shooting Wednesday, was engaged to an actress. The actress attended the funeral yesterday and laid a wreath on the coffin with the inscription: "We shall meet again soon."

One lot of plain muslin, hemmed-ruffled edge curtains for 59c per pair, at Drury's, 359 Merrimack street.

Gen. Wood's Defenders Feel Happy

WASHINGTON, March 18—With the paraphernalia for playing Jai Alai, a game which figures conspicuously in the contest against the confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general, members of the United States senate amused themselves for more than an hour yesterday afternoon, protected from the gaze of the public by the closed doors of an executive session.

A lively interest was manifested in the game. Senators Proctor, Corkrell, Quarles, Foraker, Teller Scott, Pettus, Blackburn and others who participated in the hearings before the military affairs committee, were the exponents of Jai Alai.

Senators Cockrell and Foraker, who have paid extensive visits to Cuba, while the "Pelota" season was at its height, explained that the gambling features of the game are not essentially to its adoption by the Cubans, while Senators Blackburn, Scott and Teller contended that without the betting privileges the Jai Alai company would not have made application to Gen. Wood for the concession.

Gen. Wood's defenders scored a point. Senator Patterson admitted that he had spent a day studying the testimony in regard to the game, and had come to the conclusion that it contained nothing detrimental to General Wood's conduct and no reason for opposition to his confirmation. The senator said that he had expected to oppose confirmation on the strength of the testimony against Gen. Wood, but that a more urgent reason than that must be advanced. In regard to Jai Alai, the principal speakers were Senators Culberson, Patterson, Teller, Hoar, Proctor, and Blackburn.

Senator Quarles resumed his speech in support of the nomination, when the senate went into executive session at 12.53 p. m., and held the floor until 4 p. m. It had been expected that Senator Teller would follow, but on account of the late hour a general discussion was had instead.

Senator Foraker will speak today in defence of Gen. Wood and will occupy most of the day. This will carry the case over until Saturday night at least, as Senators Teller and Alger both are scheduled for speeches. Senator Alger is armed with a letter written to Gen. Wood by Senator Teller on February 15, 1901, complimenting him for his "deserved promotion" on the occasion of Wood's confirmation as brigadier general. Senator Alger expects to use this letter against Senator Teller when the latter makes his speech in opposition to Wood's confirmation to be major general.

MAJORITY REDUCED

GOVERNMENT HAD MARGIN OF 19 VOTES.

PARIS, March 18.—Considerable importance is attached in political circles to the reduction of the government's majority in the chamber of deputies yesterday, a vote of confidence being carried only by 284 to 265. The socialist deputy, M. Millerand, interpellated the government on the non-execution of pledges given on the subject of workmen's pensions. M. Combes replied that the government had not neglected any of its pledges and that the three great questions of religious, military and fiscal reform, were sufficient to occupy any legislature. The interpellation, he said, was merely to create a diversion from the struggle against the congregations.

M. Jaures, the socialist leader, strongly supported the government but the vote of confidence resulted as stated.

INCREASE IN FLOUR

CAUSES REDUCTION IN SIZE OF LOAF OF BREAD.

BOSTON, March 18—The Master Bakers' association last night voted to reduce the size of loaves of bread by at least two ounces to the pound. The bakers say that the reduction in the size of the loaf will not make up for the increased price of flour and that there is no reason for their customers to complain.

SINGER STRIKE

FRENCH GRAND OPERA COMPANY REFUSED TO PERFORM.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The French grand opera company of New Orleans, which began at the Casino theatre on Monday what was to have been a three weeks' engagement, struck last night after the audience was seated and after a wordy warfare left the house in a body. The singers refused to appear because back pay was not forthcoming to several of them. Yesterday M. Charley, the manager, started for New Orleans to raise money and when the members of the company were informed of his departure they summarily quit.

HENRY KILLILEA

SAYS THAT BAN JOHNSON IS RIGHT.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 18—Henry Killilea, of this city, proprietor of the Boston American league baseball team, in an interview yesterday, upheld the stand taken by President Ban Johnson of the American league in the schedule controversy. He said:

"After the American league committee adopted and gave the public its proposed schedule, the National, without consultation, made certain changes, notably so, as to the New York National opening in Brooklyn.

"Every lover of the national game would deplore a return of the conditions of the past two years, but even peace is too dear at the price of broken promises and breaches of faith.

"I hope to see an entirely new schedule adopted by the American and if the National sees fit to treat that as a case for war, then let it come."

LETTER OF COMMENDATION.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling has sent a letter of commendation to the commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet regarding the record made by the battleship and cruiser squadron during the cruise from Yokohama to Honolulu and return to the Philippines. In this letter the acting secretary says:

"That the vessels of these two squadrons should arrive at their destination after this long cruise in good condition without need of repairs is an indication of an excellent state of preparedness and efficiency. The engineer's force is worthy of special commendation."

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TWO ARRESTED

Police Recover Rhoades Jewels

NEW YORK, March 18.—Detectives from police headquarters arrested last night two men who, they say, robbed Mrs. J. Harson Rhoades, Jr., daughter-in-law of the banker of that name, of $500 worth of jewels a month ago. Inspector McClusky says that one of the men has confessed.

Mrs. Rhoades reported to Inspector McClusky on Feb. 24 that she had been robbed of $500 worth of jewelry while she was on her way to Boston. She left for Boston on Feb. 11. She said she believed the driver who had taken her to the grand central station had stolen the jewels. When Mrs. Rhoades left her house, 102 East 35th street, her butler handed a dress suit case containing some of her wearing apparel and the jewelry to the driver. The suit case was so full that it could not be closed tightly and the jewel case was exposed to view. At the station Mrs. Rhoades was met by her husband. He handed the suit case to a porter who carried it to the train. When she got to Boston, at 1 o'clock that night, the jewels were gone. The Boston police searched the pawnshops without avail.

Inspector McClusky put detectives Sumner and Cooney at work on the case. They discovered that a man had been disposing of jewels answering the description of those stolen from Mrs. Rhoades, one piece at a time, at pawnshops.

The carriage in which Mrs. Rhoades was driven to the station had been hired from W. H. Scaich's Waldorf-Astoria stables, 48 West 32d street. The driver was John Hendrickson. The detectives watched the drivers of this stable until they saw a man who answered the description of the one who had been at the pawnshops. His movements were suspicious, and they arrested him. He said he was Oliver Finley of 229 East 46th street.

Inspector McClusky questioned him yesterday and he confessed that he was the person who had been pawning Mrs. Rhoades' jewels. He said, however, that he received the jewelry from John Hendrickson of 355 East 86th street. Hendrickson was arrested.

According to Finley's confession, Hendrickson, in driving Mrs. Rhoades to the station, noticed the jewel case, pulled it out of the suit case and concealed it under his blanket. Most of the jewelry has been recovered.

GILLAM MEETING.

The fourth in the series of union evangelistic meetings was held at the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening by Evangelist Ralph M. Gillam. The announcement that Mr. Gillam would preach especially to men on the subject of "Skepticism," brought a large number of the latter, who together with the unusually large attendance of women, filled the church to overflowing. The sermon was a powerful presentation of the subject.

The services today will be the closing ones of the week and will be held as follows: Women's meeting at 2.15, led by Miss E. M. Skilton. Preaching at 3 and 7.30 p. m., by Evangelist Gillam. Evening, subject, "Blindness." These services will all be held in the Westminster church, Tyler street, Rev. H. B. Foster, pastor.

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AT FESTIVE BOARD

Knights of Columbus Observed the Night

EXERCISES WERE DELIGHTFULLY INFORMAL

Distinguished Guests From Out-of-Town

Lowell Council, Knights of Columbus, observed St. Patrick's night with a banquet which proved to be one of the most completely successful social affairs in the history of the council. Over 250 members were present, the oldest and youngest being there while members from out of town, including State Deputy Joseph Pelletier of Boston and State Secretary William J. O'Brien of Cambridge. Another enjoyable feature of the evening was the debut of the Lowell council orchestra, T. A. D. Sullivan director, which furnished a most acceptable program during the evening. The banquet was held in the council chamber which was tastefully decorated in dainty colors and ablaze with incandescent lights. A fine menu was served after which Past Grand Knight Robert J. Thomas called to order and introduced as toastmaster, Grand Knight Dennis J. Murphy. The post-prandial exercises were delightfully informal and thoroughly enjoyed. The speakers were State Deputy Pelletier and State Secretary O'Brien, Hugh J. Molloy, Daniel J. Donahue, Lawrence Cummings, Rev. James A. Walsh and Rev. W. George Mullin. A musical program went between the speeches, arranged by William F. Thornton and comprised selections by the orchestra and songs by Joseph F. Murphy, Charles McCarthy, James E. Donnelly, James M. Fagan, William B. Ready, Daniel J. Donahue, William Martin, Cornelius Sheehan.

The exercises were kept merrily going until midnight when the grand chorus, "America," brought the pleasant affair to a close.

The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of the following members: Robert J. Thomas, chairman; Dennis J. Murphy, William F. Sullivan, Philip J. Breen, Timothy V. Whooley, James P. McKeon, Rev. James A. Walsh, Lewis J. Crowley, Henry J. Heaps, William F. Thornton and John J. Blaine.

A dainty souvenir in the shape of a pocket cigar case was given each member with the compliments of the Merrimack Clothing Co.

FOR LARCENY

JOSEPH CARPENTER LOST A FIVE DOLLAR BILL.

Thomas Hennessey and his wife, Margaret, were arrested from their home in North street last evening by Inspector Walsh and Patrolman Eady in the charge of larceny and drunkenness.

They were arrested upon complaint of Joseph Carpenter, who alleged that Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey separated him from a $5 bill. Carpenter was asked into Hennessey's by Mrs. Hennessey, who wanted to borrow fifty cents. Carpenter said he did not have anything smaller than a $5 bill and consequently could not accommodate his hostess. She said something about not believing Carpenter and in order to place himself in a truthful light, he produced the bill whereupon it was snatched from his hand by the woman.

He claims he tried to have her return the money and finally reported the matter to the police. The money was found between some of the bed clothes and was returned to its owner.

GOING AWAY

REV. J. F. ALLEN HAS COMPLETED FIVE YEARS' PASTORATE.

Rev. J. F. Allen and his family were tendered a reception at the Worthen Street M. E. church last evening. Mr. Allen has completed a five years' pastorate and has announced to the conference that he does not desire to be returned to Lowell this year.

Receiving with Rev. and Mrs. Allen last evening were Dr. and Mrs. C. H. L. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Irvine, and Miss Julia B. Wilson and Mr. A. E. Avery.

The vestry, in one corner of which the receiving party stood, was decorated with the Epworth league colors, red and white. A lemonade table, in the opposite corner, was presided over by Mrs. J. W. Peat and Mrs. Charles Kibbey. At the refreshment table, the ladies who poured were Mrs. Thomas Brady, Mrs. Hugh Green, Mrs. Lester Wills, and Mrs. Robert Gilmore. Miss Agnes Lovejoy had general charge of the refreshments.

During the evening Miss Stella Isabel Wilson sang, and an original poem, written for the occasion by Miss Nellie M. Brown, was read by Miss Ethel Smith.

The pastor and his wife were presented a handsome [illegible].

Best white [illegible] 25c per yard, at Henry's, 229 Merrimack street.

ARCHBISHOP FARLEY

MAY BE ELEVATED TO THE CARDINALATE.

ROME, March 18—Archbishop Farley left for Rome yesterday. Everybody at Rome regards the archbishop's elevation to the cardinalate as certain to occur at the consistory after next.

The pope himself [illegible] indications of his approaching elevation. His holiness speaks about Archbishop Farley to every bishop visiting the vatican [illegible] praising the apostolic work done in New York among the Italians.

BOLD ROBBERY

ITALIAN SHOE DEALER GAVE UP HIS MONEY.

BOSTON, March 18—Frank Zafaro, an Italian proprietor of a small shoe store on Prince street, was the victim of a bold robbery last night.

Two strange Italians entered the store, made a pretence of looking at some shoes, and suddenly turned out the light and held a dirk at Zafaro's throat. The terrified proprietor gave them $300, all the money in the store, and the robbers escaped.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Frederick Leslie Barnard of Providence and Miss Elsie Warren were married yesterday afternoon by [illegible]

"REGGIE" VANDERBILT

JEROME WANTS HIM FOR A WITNESS.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 18.—"I want to put Richard Canfield in state prison, and I want Reginald Vanderbilt of New York as a witness to help me do it," declared Dist. Atty. William Travers Jerome to the senate code committee yesterday for a hearing on the Dowling witness bill, which makes it possible for a witness to give testimony without having his evidence used against him, and eliminating the excuse of declining to testify through fear of incriminating himself.

Senator Elsberg said he looked at it from the standpoint of a witness who has a constitutional protection, and he was not anxious to assist in enacting a law that would alter constitutional rights.

Mr. Jerome said he had found obstructions placed in his way from the beginning. "As for Canfield," he added, "I am willing to place my own certificate of election in escrow, so confident am I that he will be convicted. This bill as it stands will prevent my sending him to prison, and it is simply a question whether the legislature wants to place itself on record. Canfield is not the only one in New York that I am after."

"We can always agree," said Mr. Elsberg, "if you will present your arguments to the committee instead of publishing statements in the newspapers."

Mr. Jerome replied that he had found that oftimes the legislature did not clearly perceive its duty until there had been newspaper comment. "When I meet difficulty after difficulty," he said, "in cornering the big fellows, who escape simply because they are rich or have rich men using their influence in their behalf, why, I use all the weapons at my disposal. And when I find a legislature not disposed to enact a bill to assist me in prosecuting an ex-convict and gambler, it doesn't conduce to my respect for the legislature. All of us holding public office are a little better off for being jacked up occasionally and being watched carefully."

SUDDEN DEATH

OF THOMAS WELCH AT HEREFORD PLACE.

Thomas Welch died very suddenly last night about midnight at his home, 3 Hereford place, off Marshall street. Death was due to heart failure.

Mrs. Welch was awakened by midnight by hearing a fall and arising from her bed found her husband on the floor. She placed him on the bed and found that he was dead. He had been enjoying good health and seemed to be in the best of health when he retired last night.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret and three sons, Richard, James and Frank, also a grandchild. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy in Market street.

JOLLY TIME

COTTON WEAVERS ENJOYED THEMSELVES LAST NIGHT.

Spinners' hall last night was the scene of a merry agthering. The cotton weavers were holding forth and they enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. They danced from 8 o'clock until midnight.

Thomas F. McDonough was general manager and Peter Holden, floor director. Refreshments served by a committee consisting of Miss Mary Goodrow, Miss Annie McMullen, John Dalton and Fred Minor.

PRESIDENT ANGRY

JUDGE HOLMES HAS INCURRED HIS DISPLEASURE.

NEW YORK, March 18—A Washington despatch to the World says the president is angry at Justice Holmes of the Supreme court for having joined with Chief Justice Fuller and Justices White and Peckham in the dissenting opinion in the Northern Securities case, and that Mr. Roosevelt is not going to any great trouble to conceal his displeasure.

The trouble with Justice Holmes was that he reached his conclusion from his own interpretation of the law, instead of deciding the question as Mr. Roosevelt wanted him to and expected him to. Justice Holmes is to pay for his independence of thought by being practically ostracised from the White House, where he was installed in high favor when he first came to Washington after his appointment last fall.

The president's anger has carried him so far that he would remove Mr. Holmes if he could, but as that is impossible, he will show his resentment by shutting the White House door in Mr. Holmes' face.

The president believed the only dissenters to the merger decision would be the three democratic members—Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justices White and Peckham. There was no one the president was more certain would sustain the government's contention than Justice Holmes, whom Roosevelt appointed. To say nothing of the law, the president was satisfied that Mr. Holmes would support him in a case that meant much to the president politically.

Mr. Holmes astounded the president, when he was at the White House a week ago, by an intimation that he did not agree with Att. Gen. Knox's interpretation of the law. The argument that followed this suggestion was heated, and Mr. Holmes has not been at the White House since then. Before that he called two or three times a week.

STEVENS DEBATING CLUB.

A meeting of the Solon W. Stevens Debating club was held last night. As usual there was an interesting debate, the subject being:

"Resolved: That the world owes more to navigation than railroads."

The affirmative was upheld by C. L. Cutler and the negative by Ralph Richardson and Ernest Atkinson.

The debating committee reported that the final arrangements had been made with the Franklin Debating club for the next debate, which will be held in the First Congregational church, April 7. The question will be:

"Resolved, That the United States should be more favorable to Japan than Russia in the war of the Far East."

The Stevens club will uphold the affirmative side. The gentlemen selected to debate on the question are: S. W. Stevens club, W. W. Graham, George A. Moyle, John W. Wainwright; Franklin club, P. J. Begley, John H. Murphy, John M. O'Donoghue.

TIM KEARNS BEATEN.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 18.—Tommy Sullivan defeated Tim Kearns in the sixth round of their bout before the West End Athletic club last night. Sullivan had the better of the fight [illegible]

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One thing, however, you should remember for your own benefit: Many lots are so small we never mention them in our advertisement and usually these lots are the cream of the sale. 'Twas so in this sale and 'tis the same in every sale we hold.

DARK PRINTS, 3¾c YARD—Worth 5c.

FIGURED DENIM, 10c YARD—1 to 10 yard pieces, worth 12½c yard.

SASH CURTAINS, 25c PAIR—Dots, figures and stripes, all made ready to put up; goods sell for 12½c yard.

SILK GINGHAMS, 15c YARD—You know what they usually sell for. Just a little soiled, that's the reason you can buy them for 15c yard.

DANISH CLOTH, 12½c YD.—21 colors in the assortment; 15c yard they usually sell for.

CHECK NAINSOOK, 9c YARD—Also fancy White Goods, worth 15c yard.

LONSDALE CAMBRIC, 10c YARD—Short lengths, worth 12½c yard.

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PILLOW SLIPS, 7½c EACH—Size 42 x 36 and 45 x 36, linen finish, worth 10c.

PLAIN DENIM, 12½c YARD—The kind that sells on the piece for 19c yard. These are short lengths.

MADRAS, 12½c YARD—Beautiful stripes, 32 in. wide, short lengths, worth 25c yard.

RED TABLE COVERS, 39c EACH—2 yards long, warranted fast colors, worth 50c each.

FINE GINGHAMS, 6¼c YARD—Everett Classics; good value at 8c yard.

FLEMISH LACE MATERIAL, 15c YARD—Excellent for dresses and waists; 5 to 20 yd. pieces; worth 25c yard.

EDINBOROUGH ZEPHYR GINGHAMS, 10c YARD—Also Bates' Ginghams. They regularly sell for 12½c and 15c yard.

WOMEN'S LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, 12 FOR 25c—Usually sell for 3 for 10c.

CREAM DAMASK, 25c YARD—60 in. wide, worth 39c yard.

HUCKABUCK TOWELS, 3 FOR 25c—size 42x19, usually 12½c each.

STRIPED GINGHAMS, 5c YARD—Blue and white and grey and white, regularly 8c yard.

BED PILLOWS, 98c PAIR—See if you can match them for $1.50 a pair.

MEN'S WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS, 9 FOR 25c—Usually 5c each.

WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, 6 FOR 25c—Lace Bordered, regularly 2 for 25c.

PERCALES, 10c YD.—Short lengths, dark and light colors, worth 12½c yard.

ECLIPSE FLANNEL, 9c YARD—Balance of our winter stock, worth 15c yard.

WHITE GOODS, 11c YARD—Remnants of Waistings and Muslins; on the piece they sell for 19c and 25c yard.

MERCERIZED GINGHAMS, 12½c YD.—A wide range of styles, plain colors and stripes, actually worth 25c yard.

BED SPREADS, $1.19—Very heavy, colors or white, worth $1.50 each.

SHIRTING PRINTS, 4c YD.—12,000 yards of the best quality, bought before the advance in prices; selling today for 6¼c yard.

SILKALINES, 6¼c YD.—Full pieces; a job bought very cheap, good patterns. Now's the time to recover your comforters, regular price 12½c yard.

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Why don't you go so far as to try on a pair the next time you go to the store. It costs nothing to see them fit your foot.

Boots $3, Specials $3.50 — Oxfords $2.50, Specials $3

A Special Sale

WOMEN'S WRAPPERS

The material is a corded novelty fabric, thoroughly washable.

Two styles in the assortment. One is made plain effect; the other has fancy braid trimmings, epaulets over shoulders and fancy yoke; both have deep flounces.

The sizes are generous, no skimping in any way. If you were to pay $1.25 or $1.50 for them you'd consider them good values. However, today and tomorrow you'll find them here for

83c Each

A New Line of

SOFA PILLOW Tops and Backs

We say tops and backs but we are also showing a goodly assortment of Slips, ready for the pillow. These are made in Denim, Tapestry, etc., and are very serviceable as well as ornamental. The prices range from

25c to 49c Each

In regard to tops stamped for working, we are showing some new designs just out this spring, which are very attractive.

Pansies, Wild Roses, Apple Blossoms, Fleur de Lis, Pinks, Poppies, Basket of Roses, Jack Roses, etc. Also a line of Lithographed Tops, which are very popular this season: Dutch Scenes, Priscilla, Smoke Girl, Indian Girl, etc.

Prices Range from 25c to 49c

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Last Call in

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For Women. Probably enough to last us through until Saturday night, not longer than that if the selling keeps up, and we think it will for "Women Folks" know a bargain when they see one. If you want to KNOW the exact truth, ask some of your friends who have bought them, or see them on our counters.

They are Fast Black, French feet, high spliced heels, double soles and toes; worth 25c a pair.

Now three pairs for 50c

Four Attractive

SHIRT WAIST VALUES

Two of these numbers we advertised last week. We were afraid at that time that we couldn't get another shipment, but fortunately another invoice of each style has been received. The values are so meritorious they will bear repetition.

No. 1. A Linen Waist at 98c

Excellent quality material; the front is made with broad tucks, hemstitched, tucked back, large sleeves, tucked cuffs and stock. They are worth $1.50 each.

No. 2. A Union Linen Waist at $1.50

The front has a wide panel of "Genuine Linen Mexican Work," in asst. patterns; on either side of panel are 3 broad tucks; tucked back, large sleeves, 2 1-2 in. cuffs and tab stock. They are worth $2.00.

THE TWO FOLLOWING STYLES ARE NEW ARRIVALS.

A Figured Madras at 98c

White grounds with dark figures, 6 broad tucks compose the front, tucked back, full sleeves, tab collar; an excellent value.

A Fine Brilliantine at $2.98

In all the new browns, tans and greys; also navy blue and black; tucked to the bust and wide tucked panel trimmed, with 2 rows gilt buttons; tucked back, the new sleeves, stitched cuffs and stock.

A Worthy

CORSET VALUE

Two new numbers we have just received, which go on sale this morning. One is a fine Batiste "F. P." CORSET, STYLE NO. 559, suitable for medium and small figures, low bust, medium hip, full gored, straight front and lace trimmed.

The other is also a Batiste Corset, C. B. A LA SPIRITE, STYLE NO. 219, suitable for the large, full figure. Long over abdomen, dip hip, medium bust with double bust gores trimmed with lace and blue bebe ribbon.

These two numbers are very special and are worth $1.00 per pair. However, we have put them on sale for two days at

69c Pair

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WOMEN'S VESTS AND PANTS, AT 39c. Medium weight, high neck, long sleeves, neck [illegible] silk braid. Knee and ankle length pants. These are Seconds of [illegible] production, a grade which sells for 50c. If you can detect the imperfections you'll have to have sharp eyes. Also Union Suits, same grade as above, at 49c each; and light weight Suits with knee pants, 49c a garment.

WOMEN'S VESTS AND PANTS, 25c EACH. High neck, long sleeves, medium weight. Knee and ankle length pants. These sell regularly for 39c. Today and tomorrow 25c.

WOMEN'S JERSEY DRAWERS, 25c PAIR. Lace trimmed, Umbrella styles, opened and closed. Also tight-fitting garments, medium and light weights; splendid values for the money.

Men! Here are Two Things in

HOSIERY

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MEN'S COTTON ½ HOSE, 4 PAIRS FOR 25c—In Black and Tan fast colors, spliced heels and toes, worth 10c pair [illegible].

MEN'S HOOPER KNIT ½ HOSE, 2 PAIRS FOR 25c. In Black, Navy, Cadet and Tan, double heel, sole and toe, genuine Macco yarn, first quality, fast colors, worth 25c pair.

This may sound unreasonable and we'll admit it does at present price of cotton, but we want you to see these Stockings before you become a doubting Thomas.

ORANGES

Sweet California Navels; good, large ones; sweet and juicy.

18 for 25c

A GRAND SUCCESS

Was C. Y. M. L. Party Last Evening

AN ENTERTAINMENT PRECEDED THE DANCE

Proceeds Go to St. Patrick's Church

The entertainment and dance of the C. Y. M. L. in Huntington hall drew a great crowd to the hall, last evening, and the affair was a grand success in every respect. The proceeds which netted a substantial amount go to the building fund of St. Patrick's church.

A novel entertainment was given in the early part of the evening and it was followed by dancing to the music of the Middlesex orchestra. The only thing in the line of booths was the lemonade table located at the left of the hall where John Joseph Hayes dispensed the cooling beverage to the dancers.

The hall was draped in red, white, blue and green bunting.

The entertainment was a vaudeville sketch, the first part being a "Musical Lawn Party," introducing specialties by several talented performers. In the "Lawn Party" Mr. John J. McNabb acted as host and he had for his guests the following: Mrs. John J. McNabb, Miss Ethel C. Ranger, Lillian M. O'Brien, Alice M. Faneuf, Elizabeth F. Connell, Pauline L. Delmore, Mary D. Doyle, Margaret J. Grennan, Alice McCarthy, Ella L. Brennan, Julia T. Allen, Anna G. Quinn, Annie G. Doyle, Lilla L. Rogers, Gertrude Mahan, Mabel McCarthy, Messrs. John L. Fahey, Frank J. McCarthy, Frank J. McNabb, Charles E. Walsh, John J. Holloran, John P. Cryan, Frank J. Higgins, J. Harry Flaherty, Thomas J. Wallace, William P. Wholey, John J. Carroll, John P. Phelan, John J. Keegan, Timothy F. Rohan, Edward J. McCarthy, Herbert R. Daly, Charles J. Mulholland, William A. Barry, William J. Enright, John McCarthy, William C. Looney. The "Lawn Party" was a huge success for both host and guests cooperated in making it enjoyable. The several numbers, all of which were encored, were as follows: "Come Back to Erin," chorus; "Killarney," Mr. John Phelan; "Kathleen Mavourneen," Miss Ethel C. Ranger; "Little Tommy Murphy," Mr. John J. Carroll; "Let Erin Remember," chorus; reading, Miss Lillian M. O'Brien; "The Wearing of the Green," Mr. Frank J. McCarthy; Finale, "Tara," Mr. John Fahey.

Part two consisted of songs and dances by Miss Bella Lavigne, queen of fairyland; a sketch, scene from Camille, by Miss Elizabeth Doran and Mr. Michael J. Mahoney, which caught the crowd, and "The Last Rose of Summer," sung by Miss Ethel Ranger.

The third and closing number proved the hit of the evening. It consisted of the roaring farce, "Rooney's Restaurant," and the several participants showed unusual talent by the manner in which they essayed the different characters. Edward McCarthy was "Reckless Ralph," the terror of the "Reckless Ralph," the terror of the plains, played the part in a style which brought out favorable comment on all sides.

Thecast was made up as follows:
John Fearful, a benedict
.....J. Harry Flaherty
Pat Rooney, a son of the hops
.....John J. McNabb
Reckless Ralph, the terror of the plains
.....Edward McCarthy
Samuel Swelhead, a dude
..... Frank Higgins
Mrs. Fearful - Miss Lillian M. O'Brien
Miss Catchem, an old maid
.....Mrs. John J. McNabb
Accompanist, Mr. John H. Kelty.

The officers of the dance were: General manager, John M. Hogan; assistant, William A. Barry; floor director, John J. Doyle; assistant, Cornelius A. Brosnahan; chief aid, John H. Murphy; aids, John McLaughlin, William P. Callahan, Frank R. Brady, Charles R. Doyle, Maurice H. Powers, Thomas B. Rafter, William J. Enright, Joseph L. Cronin, George A. Baril, James L. Dawle, George A. Lynch, John J. Lonergan, J. Harry Flaherty, John J. Carroll, Cornelius Cronin, Eugene Queenan, John J. Holleran, William Scannell, Thomas J. Wallace, Edward Donohoe, Joseph F. Gilley, Thomas A. Mulligan, Thomas F. Sullivan, Frank J. Higgins, D. J. Devine, Louis D. Courtel, James J. Callahan, Edward F. Kearns, John A. Murphy, John J. Flynn, Robert R. Thomas, John J. Noonan, Michael J. Adams, Jeremiah A. Daly, John Lynch, Smith J. Adams.

JOHN M. HOGAN,
General Manager.

JOHN DOYLE,
Floor Director C. Y. M. L.

The general committee was made up of the following named: John M. Hogan, chairman; William A. Barry, assistant chairman; John J. Kennedy, secretary; T. F. Rohan, treasurer; Rev. John J. McHugh, John J. Carroll, Cornelius Cronin, Leland McCormack, John Brennan, John F. Leary, J. Harry Flaherty, William Giblin, Daniel S. O'Brien, John P. Curley, Thomas F. Wallace, William P. Wholey, Joseph O'Brien, John J. Lonergan, Thomas Mahoney, Joseph L. Cronin, John J. Maher, John J. Holleran, Thomas Lee, Herbert Daly, Henry F. Doran, William P. Callahan, John McLaughlin, John J. McNabb, William J. Enright, John A. Murphy, John H. Murphy, John Doyle, Cornelius Brosnahan, Charles R. Doyle, Joseph F. Gilley, Jeremiah A. Daly, Edward Donoghue, James J. Kennedy, John J. O'Connor, Dennis J. Devine, Edward J. Carroll, Edward J. McCarthy, John P. Cryan, Thomas A. Mulligan, Patrick O'Brien, Humphrey Coffey, J. J. Hayes, Hubert McLaughlin, James Rourke, James Brown, Daniel Quinn, Thomas F. Sullivan, John Lynch, Robert R. Thomas, William Scanlon, George Lynch, Jr., Smith J. Adams, John F. Murphy, Simon Riley, John J. Hanlon, John J. Sullivan, John J. Kelty, William E. Looney, George A. Baril, Louis Cofel, William Sullivan, John F. Bradley, James L. Doyle, Thomas B. Rafter, Dr. Thomas B. Smith, Dr. James Gaffney, Dr. Leon Sullivan, Michael J. Adams, John J. Coughlin, Frank J. Higgins, Michael Quinn, John F. Adams, John J. Keegan, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Mack, Albert Peterson, Daniel Leahy, James Callahan, James Morrison, Frank J. McCarthy, Alonzo Fadden, James O'Halloran.

The reception committee consisted of: John M. Hogan, chairman; William A. Barry, assistant chairman; Rev. John J. McHugh, Timothy F. Rohan, Leland McCormack, John Brennan, John F. Leary, William Giblin, Daniel S. O'Brien, J. P. Curley, William P. Wholey, J. O'Brien, Thomas Mahoney, John Maher, Herbert Daly, Henry Doran, John J. McNabb, John H. Murphy, John J. O'Connor, William J. Carroll, Edward J. McCarthy, John Cryan, Patrick O'Brien, Humphrey Coffey, John J. Hayes, Hubert McLaughlin, James Rourke, James Brown, Daniel Quinn, John Murphy, Simon Riley, John J. Sullivan, John J. Kelty, Wm. A. Looney, William Sullivan, John Brodley, Dr. T. B. Smith, Dr. James Gaffney, Dr. Leon Sullivan, John J. Coughlin, Michael Quinn, John F. Adams, John Keegan, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Mack, Albert Peterson, Daniel Leahy, James Morris, Thomas Lee.

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CRUISER OLYMPIA

TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

COLON, March 18—The United States cruiser Olympia left here Wednesday for Porto Bello, where she will coal. The cruiser is expected to sail for the United States next week.

According to news received from the coast it is rumored that Colombia has given up the idea of invading Panama. Public opinion in many parts of the republic, especially in the department of Cauca, favors the recognition of Panama.

The Colombian gunboats Cartagena and General Pinzon are now in the harbor of Cartagena. President Marroquin is on board one of the vessels.

SPRING ELECTION

ABOLISHED IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, O., March 18—There will be no municipal elections in Ohio this spring. Gov. Herrick yesterday afternoon signed the Chapman bill abolishing spring elections and it is now a law. The term of all elective municipal officers, which would have expired in April, have been extended until after the elections next November.

A constitutional amendment providing that all state and counties officers shall be elected in the even years and all municipal officers in the odd years will be submitted to the vote of the people in 1905.

Sash curtain muslin, 10c per yard, and sash red for 5c each, at Henry's.

HEAVY SNOW FALL.

CHICAGO, March 18—In a furious snow storm yesterday enough snow fell to make the total for the winter more than break all previous records in Chicago. The season several weeks ago was officially declared the coldest ever known here. As a result of yesterday's storm the elevated railroads of the city were brought to a standstill for two hours, discommoding thousands of passengers.

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JIMMY GARDNER SCORED A POINT

Easily Outclassed Mike Ward

CHICAGO, March 18—Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., outclassed Mike Ward of Sarnia, Ont., in their contest here last night and after six rounds of one-sided fighting was given the decision. Ward was in trouble in the third round and each succeeding round found him growing weaker. At the end of the fight he was decidedly groggy. Ward tried hard to even matters in the last round but after one minute's fighting went all to pieces and clinched constantly to keep from being knocked out.

WREATH ON GRAVE

GRANDCHILDREN HONORED PATRICK DONAHOE'S MEMORY.

BOSTON, Mar, 18—One of the touching incidents of the St. Patrick's day observances took place in St. Augustine's cemetery, in South Boston, when a beautiful wreath of gay leaves and flowers, the gift of his grandchildren, was placed on the monument that marks the last resting place of the late Patrick Donahoe, founder of The Pilot.

They carry out this beautiful custom on each recurring St. Patrick's day, which, by a happy coincidence, was the day of his birth, and by another coincidence, marked the close of his long, honored and useful life.

A purple silk ribbon was attached to the wreath, which bore the word "Grandpa". This custom of the grandchildren is also carried out on Memorial day and Christmas. Mr. Donahoe died three years ago.

"KELLY AND BURKE AND SHEA."

Lowell, March 15.

Editor Sun:—Will you kindly inform me where I can find that stirring Irish poem, the title of which, I believe, is "Kelly, Burke and Shea," or can you print it in The Sun?

Respectfully,
A SUN READER.

The poem referred to is entitled "The Fighting Race," and is given below.—Ed.

THE FIGHTING RACE.

"Read out the names!" and Burke sat back,
And Kelly dropped his head,
While Shea—they call him Scholar Jack—
Went down the list of the dead.
Officers, seamen, gunners, marines,
The crews of the gig and yawl,
The bearded man and the lad in his teens,
Carpenters, coal passers—all.
Then knocking the ashes from out his pipe,
Said Burke in an off-hand way:
"We're all in that dead man's list, by cripe!
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here's to the Maine, and I'm sorry for Spain,"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Wherever there's trouble there's trouble," said Burke:
"Wherever fighting's the game,
Or a spice of danger in grown man's work,"
Said Kelly, "you'll find my name."
"And do we fall short," said Burke, getting mad,
"When it's touch and go for life?"
Said Shea: "It's thirty odd years, bedad,
Since I charged to drum and fife
Up Marye's Heights, and my old canteen
Stopped a rebel ball on its way.
There were blossoms of blood on our sprigs of green—
Kelly and Burke and Shea—
And the dead didn't brag." "Well, here's to the flag!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"I wish 'twas in Ireland, for there's the place,"
Said Burke, "that we'd die by right
In the cradle of our soldier race
After one good stand-up fight.
My grandfather fell on Vinegar Hill,
And fighting was not his trade;
But his rusty pikes in the cabin still,
With Hessian blood on the blade."
"Aye, aye," said Kelly: "the pikes were great.
When the word was 'clear the way;'
We were thick on the roll in ninety-eight—
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well here's to the pike and the sword and the like!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

And Shea, the scholar, with rising joy,
Said: "We were at Ramilies,
We left our bones at Fontenoy,
And up in the Pyrenees
Before Dunkirk on Landen's plain,
Cremona, Lille and Ghent,
We're all over Austria, France and Spain,
Wherever they pitched a tent.
We've died for England from Waterloo
To Egypt and Dargai;
And still there's enough for a corps or crew,
Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Oh, the fightin' graces don't die out,
If they seldom die in bed
For love is first in their hearts, no doubt,"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.
"When Michael, the Irish Archangel, stands,
The angel with the sword,
And the battle-dead from a hundred lands,
Are ranged in one big horde,
Our line that for Gabriel's trumpet waits,
Will stretch three deep that day,
From Jehosaphat to the Golden Gates—
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here's thank God for the race and the sod!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

PEACH CROP SAFE.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 18—The Constitution today quotes J. N. Hale, one of Georgia's leading peach growers, as saying:

"Georgia's peach crop, which will be the largest and finest ever raised, is safe from cold weather. Even a drop in temperature to 25 degrees above zero would not seriously damage the crop. The bloom came three weeks later than the average this year and the flowers are the healthiest and most perfect I have ever seen."

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

BERLIN, March 18—Huen Sik Hong, secretary of the Korean legation here, who committed suicide by shooting Wednesday, was engaged to an actress. The actress attended the funeral yesterday and laid a wreath on the coffin with the inscription: "We shall meet again soon."

One lot of plain muslin, hemmed-stitched edge curtains for 59c per pair, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

MAJORITY REDUCED

GOVERNMENT HAD MARGIN OF 19 VOTES.

PARIS, March 18.—Considerable importance is attached in political circles to the reduction of the government's majority in the chamber of deputies yesterday, a vote of confidence being carried only by 284 to 265. The socialist deputy, M. Millerand, interpellated the government on the non-execution of pledges given on the subject of workmen's pensions. M. Combes replied that the government had not neglected any of its pledges and that the three great questions of religious, military and fiscal reform, were sufficient to occupy any legislature. The interpellation, he said, was merely to create a diversion from the struggle against the congregations.

M. Jaures, the socialist leader, strongly supported the government but the vote of confidence resulted as stated.

INCREASE IN FLOUR

CAUSES REDUCTION IN SIZE OF LOAF OF BREAD.

BOSTON, March 18—The Master Bakers' association last night voted to reduce the size of loaves of bread by at least two ounces to the pound. The bakers say that the reduction in the size of the loaf will not make up for the increased price of flour and that there is no reason for their customers to complain.

SINGER STRIKE

FRENCH GRAND OPERA COMPANY REFUSED TO PERFORM.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The French grand opera company of New Orleans, which began at the Casino theatre on Monday what was to have been a three weeks' engagement, struck last night after the audience was seated and after a wordy warfare left the house in a body. The singers refused to appear because back pay was not forthcoming to several of them. Yesterday M. Charley, the manager, started for New Orleans to raise money and when the members of the company were informed of his departure they summarily quit.

HENRY KILLILEA

SAYS THAT BAN JOHNSON IS RIGHT.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 18—Henry Killilea, of this city, proprietor of the Boston American league baseball team in an interview yesterday, upheld the stand taken by President Ban Johnson of the American league in the schedule controversy. He said:

"After the American league committee adopted and gave the public its proposed schedule, the National, without consultation, made certain changes, notably so, as to the New York National opening in Brooklyn.

"Every lover of the national game would deplore a return of the conditions of the past two years, but even peace is too dear at the price of broken promises and breaches of faith.

"I hope to see an entirely new schedule adopted by the American and if the National sees fit to treat that as a case for war, then let it come."

LETTER OF COMMENDATION.

WASHINGTON, March 18. Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling has sent a letter of commendation to the commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet regarding the record made by the battleship and cruiser squadron during the cruise from Yokohama to Honolulu and return to the Philippines. In this letter the acting secretary says:

"That the vessels of these two squadrons should arrive at their destination after this long cruise in good condition without need of repairs is an indication of an excellent state of preparedness and efficiency. The engineer's force is worthy of special commendation."

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TWO ARRESTED

Police Recover Rhoades Jewels

NEW YORK, March 18.—Detectives from police headquarters arrested last night two men who, they say, robbed Mrs. J. Harson Rhoades, Jr., daughter-in-law of the banker of that name, of $2,000 worth of jewels a month ago. Inspector McClusky says that one of the men has confessed.

Mrs. Rhoades reported to Inspector McClusky on Feb. 21 that she had been robbed of $5000 worth of jewelry while she was on her way to Boston. She left for Boston on Feb. 11. She said she believed the driver who had taken her to the grand central station had stolen the jewels. When Mrs. Rhoades left her house, 102 East 35th street, her butler handed a dress suit case containing some of her wearing apparel and the jewelry to the driver. The suit case was so full that it could not be closed tightly and the jewel case was exposed to view. At the station Mrs. Rhoades was met by her husband. He handed the suit case to a porter who carried it to the train. When she got to Boston, at 1 o'clock that night, the jewels were gone. The Boston police searched the pawnshops without avail.

Inspector McClusky put detectives Sumner and Cooney at work on the case. They discovered that a man had been disposing of jewels answering the description of those stolen from Mrs. Rhoades, one piece at a time, at pawnshops.

The carriage in which Mrs. Rhoades was driven to the station had been hired from W. H. Sealch's Waldorf-Astoria stables, 18 West 32d street. The driver was John Hendrickson. The detectives watched the drivers of this stable until they saw a man who answered the description of the one who had been at the pawnshops. His movements were suspicious, and they arrested him. He said he was Oliver Finley of 229 East 40th street.

Inspector McClusky questioned him yesterday and he confessed that he was the person who had been pawning Mrs. Rhoades' jewels. He said, however, that he received the jewelry from John Hendrickson of 355 East 66th street. Hendrickson was arrested.

According to Finley's confession, Hendrickson, in driving Mrs. Rhoades to the station, noticed the jewel case, pulled it out of the suit case and concealed it under his blanket. Most of the jewelry has been recovered.

GILLAM MEETING.

The fourth in the series of union evangelistic meetings was held at the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening by Evangelist Ralph M. Gillam. The announcement that Mr. Gillam would preach especially to men on the subject of "Skepticism," brought a large number of the latter, who together with the unusually large attendance of women, filled the church to overflowing. The sermon was a powerful presentation of the subject.

The services today will be the closing ones of the week and will be held as follows: Women's meeting at 2.15, led by Miss E. M. Skilton. Preaching at 3 and 7.30 p. m., by Evangelist Gillam. Evening, subject, "Blindness." These services will all be held in the Westminster church, Tyler street, Rev. H. B. Foster, pastor.

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EXERCISES WERE DELIGHTFULLY INFORMAL

Distinguished Guests From Out-of-Town

Lowell Council, Knights of Columbus, observed St. Patrick's night with a banquet which proved to be one of the most completely successful social affairs in the history of the council. Over 200 members were present, the oldest and youngest being there while members from out of town, including State Deputy Joseph Pelletier of Boston and State Secretary William J. O'Brien of Cambridge. Another enjoyable feature of the evening was the debut of the Lowell council orchestra, T. A. D. Sullivan director, which furnished a most acceptable program during the evening. The banquet was held in the council chamber which was tastefully decorated in dainty colors and ablaze with incandescent lights. A fine menu was served after which Past Grand Knight Robert J. Thomas called to order and introduced as toastmaster, Grand Knight Dennis J. Murphy. The post-prandial exercises were delightfully informal and thoroughly enjoyed. The speakers were State Deputy Pelletier and State Secretary O'Brien, Hugh J. Molloy, Daniel J. Donahue, Lawrence Cummings, Rev. James A. Walsh and Rev. W. George Mullin. A musical program went between the speeches, arranged by William F. Thornton and comprised selections by the orchestra and songs by Joseph F. Murphy, Charles McCarthy, James E. Donnelly, James M. Fagan, William R. Brady, Daniel J. Donahue, William Martin, Cornelius Sheehan.

The exercises were kept merrily going until midnight when the grand chorus, "America," brought the pleasant affair to a close.

The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of the following members: Robert J. Thomas, chairman; Dennis J. Murphy, William F. Sullivan, Philip J. Breen, Timothy V. Whooley, James P. McKeon, Rev. James A. Walsh, Louis J. Crowley, Henry J. Heaps, William F. Thornton and John J. Brine.

A dainty souvenir in the shape of a pocket cigar case was given each member with the compliments of the Merrimack Clothing Co.

FOR LARCENY

JOSEPH CARPENTER LOST A FIVE DOLLAR BILL.

Thomas Hennessey and his wife, Margaret, were arrested from their home in North street last evening by Inspector Walsh and Patrolman Ealy in the charge of larceny and drunkenness.

They were arrested upon complaint of Joseph Carpenter, who alleged that Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey separated him from a $5 bill. Carpenter was asked into Hennessey's by Mrs. Hennessey, who wanted to borrow fifty cents. Carpenter said he did not have anything smaller than a $5 bill and consequently could not accommodate his hostess. She said something about not believing Carpenter and in order to place himself in a truthful light, he produced the bill, whereupon it was snatched from his hand by the woman.

He claims he tried to have her return the money and finally reported the matter to the police. The money was found between some of the bed clothes and was returned to its owner.

GOING AWAY

REV. J. F. ALLEN HAS COMPLETED FIVE YEARS' PASTORATE.

Rev. J. F. Allen and his family were tendered a reception at the Worthen Street M. E. church last evening. Mr. Allen has completed a five years' pastorate and has announced to the conference that he does not desire to be returned to Lowell this year.

Receiving with Rev. and Mrs. Allen last evening were Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Leland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Irvine, and Miss Julia E. Wilson and Mr. A. E. Avery.

The vestry, in one corner of which the receiving party stood, was decorated with the Epworth league colors, red and white. A lemonade table, in the opposite corner, was presided over by Mrs. J. W. Pead and Mrs. Charles Kidder. At the refreshment table, the ladies who poured were Mrs. Thomas Brady, Mrs. Hugh Green, Mrs. Lester Wills, and Mrs. Robert Gilmore. Miss Agnes Lovejoy had general charge of the refreshments.

During the evening Miss Stella Isabel Wilson sang, and an original poem, written for the occasion by Miss Nellie M. Brown, was read by Miss Ethel Smith.

The pastor and his wife were presented a handsome clock.

Best white china matting 20c per yard, at Henry's, 320 Merrimack street.

ARCHBISHOP FARLEY

MAY BE ELEVATED TO THE CARDINALATE.

ROME, March 18.—Archbishop Farley left for Rome yesterday. Everybody in Rome regards the archbishop's elevation to the cardinalate as certain to occur at the consistory after next.

The pope has [illegible] many indications of this approaching elevation. His holiness speaks about Archbishop Farley to every layman visiting the Vatican [illegible] praising the apostolic work done in New York among the Italians.

BOLD ROBBERY

ITALIAN SHOE DEALER GAVE UP HIS MONEY.

BOSTON, March 18.—Frank Zotaro, an Italian proprietor of a small shoe store on Prince street, was the victim of a bold robbery last night.

Two strange Italians entered the store, made a pretence of looking at some shoes, and suddenly turned out the light and held a dirk at Zotaro's throat. The terrified proprietor gave them $200, all the money in the store, and the robbers escaped.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Frederick Leslie Barnard of Providence and Miss Elsie Warren were married yesterday afternoon by [illegible]

"REGGIE" VANDERBILT

JEROME WANTS HIM FOR A WITNESS.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 18.—"I want to put Richard Canfield in state prison, and I want Reginald Vanderbilt of New York as a witness to help me do it," declared Dist. Atty. William Traverse Jerome to the senate code committee yesterday for a hearing on the Dowling witness bill, which makes it possible for a witness to give testimony without having his evidence used against him, and eliminating the excuse of declining to testify through fear of incriminating himself.

Senator Elsberg said he looked at it from the standpoint of a witness who has a constitutional protection, and he was not anxious to assist in enacting a law that would alter constitutional rights.

Mr. Jerome said he had found obstructions placed in his way from the beginning. "As for Canfield," he added, "I am willing to place my own certificate of election in escrow, so confident am I that he will be convicted. This bill as it stands will prevent my sending him to prison, and it is simply a question whether the legislature wants to place itself on record. Canfield is not the only one in New York that I am after."

"We can always agree," said Mr. Elsberg, "if you will present your arguments to the committee instead of publishing statements in the newspapers."

Mr. Jerome replied that he had found that oftimes the legislature did not clearly perceive its duty until there had been newspaper comment. "When I meet difficulty after difficulty," he said, "in cornering the big fellows, who escape simply because they are rich or have rich men using their influence in their behalf, why, I use all the weapons at my disposal. And when I find a legislature not disposed to enact a bill to assist me in prosecuting an ex-convict and gambler, it doesn't conduce to my respect for the legislature. All of us holding public office are a little better off for being jackedup occasionally and being watched carefully."

SUDDEN DEATH

OF THOMAS WELCH AT HEREFORD PLACE.

Thomas Welch died very suddenly last night about midnight at his home, 3 Hereford place, off Marshall street. Death was due to heart failure.

Mrs. Welch was awakened by midnight by hearing a fall and arising from her bed found her husband on the floor. She placed him on the bed and found that he was dead. He had been enjoying good health and seemed to be in the best of health when he retired last night.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret and three sons, Richard, James and Frank, also a grandchild. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy in Market street.

JOLLY TIME

COTTON WEAVERS ENJOYED THEMSELVES LAST NIGHT.

Spinners' hall last night was the scene of a merry agthering. The cotton weavers were holding forth and they enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. They danced from 8 o'clock until midnight.

Thomas F. McDonough was general manager and Peter Holden, floor director. Refreshments served by a committee consisting of Miss Mary Goodrow, Miss Annie McMullen, John Dalton and Fred Minor.

PRESIDENT ANGRY

JUDGE HOLMES HAS INCURRED HIS DISPLEASURE.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A Washington despatch to the World says the president is angry at Justice Holmes of the Supreme court for having joined with Chief Justice Fuller and Justices White and Peckham in the dissenting opinion in the Northern Securities case, and that Mr. Roosevelt is not going to any great trouble to conceal his displeasure.

The trouble with Justice Holmes was that he reached his conclusion from his own interpretation of the law, instead of deciding the question as Mr. Roosevelt wanted him to and expected him to. Justice Holmes is to pay for his independence of thought by being practically ostracised from the White House, where he was installed in high favor when he first came to Washington after his appointment last fall.

The president's anger has carried him so far that he would remove Mr. Holmes if he could, but as that is impossible, he will show his resentment by shutting the White House door in Mr. Holmes' face.

The president believed the only dissenters to the merger decision would be the three democratic members—Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justices White and Peckham. There was no one the president was more certain would sustain the government's contention than Justice Holmes, whom Roosevelt appointed. To say nothing of the law, the president was satisfied that Mr. Holmes would support him in a case that meant much to the president politically.

Mr. Holmes astounded the president, when he was at the White House a week ago, by an intimation that he did not agree with Att. Gen. Knox's interpretation of the law. The argument that followed this suggestion was heated, and Mr. Holmes has not been at the White House since then. Before that he called two or three times a week.

STEVENS DEBATING CLUB.

A meeting of the Solon W. Stevens Debating club was held last night. As usual there was an interesting debate, the subject being:

"Resolved: That the world owes more to navigation than railroads."

The affirmative was upheld by C. L. Cutler and the negative by Ralph Richardson and Ernest Atkinson.

The debating committee reported that the final arrangements had been made with the Franklin Debating club for the next debate, which will be held in the First Congregational church, April 7. The question will be:

"Resolved, That the United States should be more favorable to Japan than Russia in the war of the Far East."

The Stevens club will uphold the affirmative side. The gentlemen selected to debate on the question are: S. W. Stevens club, W. W. Graham, George A. Moyle, John W. Wainwright; Franklin club, P. J. Begley, John H. Murphy, John M. O'Donoghue.

TIM KEARNS BEATEN.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 18.—Tommy Sullivan defeated Tim Kearns in the sixth round of their bout before the West End Athletic club last night. Sullivan had the better of the fight [illegible]

A SWEEPING REDUCTION IN

Braid Ornaments

Worth 12½c to 25c each. To close out quickly we have marked them 5c Each

PAT. LEATHER BELTS 10c.

New lot just in; all have harness buckles.

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4 Pictures for 50c

Attractively mounted in book form, Platino finish, a very artistic work. Be sure and see it.

A Special Sale of

DOMESTICS

Opened yesterday morning. These occasions are very interesting for prudent housewives, for they can replenish their stock of needfuls at infinitesimal prices. We have a large and generous supply of the following good things, probably enough to last through the selling today and tomorrow.

One thing, however, you should remember for your own benefit: Many lots are so small we never mention them in our advertisement and usually those lots are the cream of the sale. 'Twas so in this sale and 'tis the same in every sale we hold.

DARK PRINTS, 3¾c YARD—Worth 5c.

FIGURED DENIM, 10c YARD—4 to 10 yard pieces, worth 12½c yard.

SASH CURTAINS, 25c PAIR—Dots, figures and stripes, all made ready to put up; goods sell for 12½c yard.

SILK GINGHAMS, 15c YARD—You know what they usually sell for. Just a little soiled, that's the reason you can buy them for 15c yard.

DANISH CLOTH, 12½c YD.—21 colors in the assortment; 15c yard they usually sell for.

CHECK NAINSOOK, 9c YARD—Also fancy White Goods, worth 15c yard.

LONSDALE CAMBRIC, 10c YARD—Short lengths, worth 12½c yard.

WAMSUTTA BLEACHED COTTON, 9c YARD—Always sells for 12½c yard.

BLEACHED SHEETS, 37c EACH—Cheaper than the cloth to make them; worth 50c.

PILLOW SLIPS, 7½c EACH—Size 42 x 36 and 45 x 36, linen finish, worth 10c.

PLAIN DENIM, 12½c YARD—The kind that sells on the piece for 19c yard. These are short lengths.

MADRAS, 12½c YARD—Beautiful stripes, 32 in. wide, short lengths, worth 25c yard.

RED TABLE COVERS, 39c EACH—2 yards long, warranted fast colors, worth 50c each.

FINE GINGHAMS, 6¼c YARD—Everett Classics; good value at 8c yard.

FLEMISH LACE MATERIAL, 15c YARD—Excellent for dresses and waists; 5 to 20 yd. pieces; worth 25c yard.

EDINBOROUGH ZEPHYR GINGHAMS, 10c YARD—Also Bates' Ginghams. They regularly sell for 12½c and 15c yard.

WOMEN'S LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, 12 FOR 25c—Usually sell for 3 for 10c.

CREAM DAMASK, 25c YARD—60 in. wide, worth 29c yard.

HUCKABUCK TOWELS, 3 FOR 25c—Size 42x19, usually 12½c each.

STRIPED GINGHAMS, 5c YARD—Blue and white and grey and white, regularly 8c yard.

BED PILLOWS, 98c PAIR—See if you can match them for $1.50 a pair.

MEN'S WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS, 9 FOR 25c—Usually 5c each.

WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, 6 FOR 25c—Lace Bordered, regularly 3 for 25c.

PERCALES, 10c YD.—Short lengths, dark and light colors, worth 12½c yard.

ECLIPSE FLANNEL, 9c YARD—Balance of our winter stock, worth 15c yard.

WHITE GOODS, 11c YARD—Remnants of Waistings and Muslins; on the piece they sell for 19c and 25c yard.

MERCERIZED GINGHAMS, 12½c YD.—A wide range of styles, plain colors and stripes, actually worth 25c yard.

BED SPREADS, $1.19—Very heavy, colors or white, worth $1.50 each.

SHIRTING PRINTS, 4c YD.—12,000 yards of the best quality, bought before the advance in prices; selling today for 6¼c yard.

SILKALINES, 6¼c YD.—Full pieces; a job bought very cheap; good patterns. Now's the time to recover your comforters; regular price 12½c yard.

Queen Quality

FIT AND SATISFACTION

There are some things which can't be improved. One of these things is the "QUEEN QUALITY" Shoe for women.

You can make it more elaborate, you can decorate it, use costly materials and all that; but for one hundred dollars a pair you cannot make a better shoe than "QUEEN QUALITY," having regard solely to the two great essentials of FIT AND STYLE.

This means that mechanically it is perfect. As for appearance the fact that hundreds of thousands of women chose it instantly above all others would seem to indicate that it is attractive.

Why don't you go so far as to try on a pair the next time you go to the store. It costs nothing to see them fit your foot.

Boots $3, Specials $3.50 — Oxfords $2.50, Specials $3

A Special Sale

WOMEN'S WRAPPERS

The material is a corded novelty fabric, thoroughly washable.

Two styles in the assortment. One is made plain effect: the other has fancy braid trimmings, epaulets over shoulders and fancy yoke; both have deep flounces.

The sizes are generous, no skimping in any way. If you were to pay $1.25 or $1.50 for them you'd consider them good values. However, today and tomorrow you'll find them here for

83c Each

A New Line of

SOFA PILLOW

Tops and Backs

We say tops and backs, but we are also showing a goodly assortment of Slips, ready for the pillow. These are made in Denim, Tapestry, etc., and are very serviceable as well as ornamental. The prices range from

25c to 49c Each

In regard to tops stamped for working, we are showing some new designs just out this spring, which are very attractive.

Pansies, Wild Roses, Apple Blossoms, Fleur de Lis, Pinks, Poppies, Basket of Roses, Jack Roses, etc. Also a line of Lithographed Tops, which are very popular this season: Dutch Scenes, Priscilla, Smoke Girl, Indian Girl, etc.

Prices Range from 25c to 49c

See our window full of the 25c kind, a line on which we are particularly strong.

Take a Little Time and Visit Our

WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT

This week we are making a special showing of TWENTY-FIVE CENT FABRICS, and we want you to see the many handsome novelties we have gathered for your approval. Fully 25 separate weaves in the collection. A few of which are Satin Poplins, Dorset Suitings, Satin Stripe Voiles, Plain Voiles, Voiles Sextettes, Serlin Cloth, Twine Cloth, Silk Checked Oxford, Mercerized Basket Cloth, Mercerized Cheviots, Karnak, Fancy Jacquards, Panama Suitings, Antique Swivel Novelties, Bourre, Silk Rayce, Silk Gauze, and several handsome Linen fabrics all at

25c Per Yard

LUCK

The new Breakfast Food, made from California White Wheat. Served free in Basement with cream and sugar.

2 Packages for 25c

With every 25c worth $2.00 worth of Green Stamps given extra

Echoes From the

RIBBON SALE

RIBBONS FROM A THIRD TO A HALF UNDERPRICE—Buying good reasonable merchandise at this reduction is rather unusual to say the least, but this is an unusual gathering. We have had them several times a year in this section, but there is a strong doubt if we can have another one this season. They are "Loom Ends" (short pieces from 1 to 6 yards long). Your saving will be as follows:

6c Grade	3c Yard	15c and 17c Grade	9c Yard
7c Grade	4c Yard	19c and 23c Grade	12½c Yard
10c Grade	5c Yard	25c and 29c Grade	15c Yard
12c Grade	7c Yard	35c and 39c Grade	19c Yard

In the assortment are Satin Gros Graine, Metallic Taffetas, Satin Liberties, Satin Taffetas and Plain Taffetas.

Last Call in

HOOPER KNIT HOSIERY

For Women. Probably enough to last us through until Saturday night, not longer than that if the selling keeps up, and we think it will for "Women Folks" know a bargain when they see one. If you want to KNOW the exact truth, ask some of your friends who have bought them, or see them on our counters.

They are Fast Black, French feet, high spliced heels, double soles and toes; worth 25c a pair.

Now three pairs for 50c

Four Attractive

SHIRT WAIST VALUES

Two of these numbers we advertised last week. We were afraid at that time that we couldn't get another shipment, but fortunately another invoice of each style has been received. The values are so meritorious they will bear repetition.

No. 1. A Linen Waist at 98c

Excellent quality material; the front is made with broad tucks, hemstitched, tucked back, large sleeves, tucked cuffs and stock. They are worth $1.50 each.

No. 2. A Union Linen Waist at $1.50

The front has a wide panel of "Genuine linen Mexican Work," in asst. patterns; on either side of panel are 3 broad tucks; tucked back, large sleeves; 2 1-2 in. cuffs and tab stock. They are worth $2.00.

THE TWO FOLLOWING STYLES ARE NEW ARRIVALS.

A Figured Madras at 98c

White grounds with dark figures, 6 broad tucks compose the front, tucked back, full sleeves, tab collar; an excellent value.

A Fine Brilliantine at $2.98

In all the new browns, tans and greys; also navy blue and black; tucked to the bust and wide tucked panel trimmed, with 2 rows gilt buttons; tucked back, the new sleeves, stitched cuffs and stock.

A Worthy

CORSET VALUE

Two new numbers we have just received, which go on sale this morning. One is a fine Batiste "F. P." CORSET, STYLE NO. 559, suitable for medium and small figures, low bust, medium hip, full gored, straight front and lace trimmed.

The other is also a Batiste Corset, C. B. A LA SPIRITE, STYLE NO. 219, suitable for the large, full figure. Long over abdomen, dip hip, medium bust with double bust gores, trimmed with lace and blue bebe ribbon.

These two numbers are very special and are worth $1.00 per pair. However, we have put them on sale for two days at

69c Pair

Five New Numbers in

JERSEY UNDERWEAR

Items Which are Worth Reading About

WOMEN'S VESTS AND PANTS, AT 35c—Medium weight, high neck, long sleeves, neck run with silk braid. Knee and ankle length pants. These are Seconds of "Harvard Mills" production, a grade which sells for 50c. If you can detect the imperfections you'll have to have sharp eyes. Also Union Suits, same grade as above, at 49c each; and light weight Suits with knee pants, 49c a garment.

WOMEN'S VESTS AND PANTS, 25c EACH—High neck, long sleeves, medium weight. Knee and ankle length pants. These sell regularly for 29c. Today and tomorrow 25c.

WOMEN'S JERSEY DRAWERS, 25c PAIR—Lace trimmed, Umbrella styles, opened and closed. Also tight-fitting garments, medium and light weights; splendid values for the money.

Men! Here are Two Things in

HOSIERY

You Can't Afford to Pass

MEN'S COTTON ½ HOSE, 4 PAIRS FOR 25c—In Black and Tan, fast colors, spliced heels and toes, worth 10c pair straight.

MEN'S HOOPER KNIT ½ HOSE, 2 PAIRS FOR 25c—In Black, Navy, Cadet and Tan, double heel, sole and toe, genuine Macoyarn, first quality, fast colors, worth 25c pair.

This may sound unreasonable and we'll admit it does at present price of cotton, but we want you to see these Stockings before you become a doubting Thomas.

ORANGES

Sweet California Navels, good, large ones; sweet and juicy.

18 for 25c

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.40	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.22	7.40	6.30	7.28
s6.39	7.30	7.55	8.55
s6.42	7.53	9.25	10.01
s7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
es7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
s7.31	8.50	s10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.30	9.40	12.00	12.46
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.31
11.00	12.08	2.00	3.01
as11.48	12.25	e3.00	3.37
s12.14	1.00	s3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
es1.50	2.33	e5.00	5.37
s3.05	4.20	5.38	6.25
es3.47	4.30	s5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
es5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
s5.44	7.00	e8.50	9.05
es6.25	7.05	10.30	11.34
es7.23	8.10	11.20	12.29

SUNDAY TRAINS

s5.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
s7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	6.00	6.55
s9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
s4.25	5.30	e8.00	9.09
s6.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.30	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.59	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.03
5.55	6.04	6.35	7.48
6.06	6.47	9.30	10.40
6.16	7.15	B11.15	12.15
7.00	8.00		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

8.15	9.27	8.00	8.37
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	5.37
5.30	6.56		
8.00	9.05		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

aVia Bedford.

eExpress.

sFrom Middlesex Street Station only.

B Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

LOCAL NEWS

Stationery—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

Stair oil cloth 8c per yard, at Henry's.

T. A. D. Sullivan, wholesale grocer.

Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott St.

Secure your saddle horses at O'Donnell's stables for St. Patrick's day.

Big sale at Reliable Cooper's Cloak and Suit Store.

SCULPTOR STEVENSON DEAD.

LONDON, March 18.—David Watson Stevenson, the sculptor, died at Edinburgh this morning. He was born in 1846.

BULGARIAN GIRL

VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE IN MANCHURIA.

ODESSA, March 18.—A Bulgarian girl named Sorka Illieva, who fought and was wounded in the ranks of the Macedonian insurgents, has arrived here and volunteers for service in Manchuria. She wears masculine attire, is an expert horsewoman, and handles rifle and sword. The girl saw General Kaulbars, the commander-in-chief, here, who promised to endorse her application. She brought with her a full campaign equipment.

One pair muslin curtains and rod complete for 35 cents, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

DAVIS IS HELD

Carlisle Man Accused of Embezzlement

George P. Davis, the tax collector of Carlisle, who absconded with $1800 of the town's money in 1902, was arraigned in the superior court at East Cambridge yesterday. He entered a plea of not guilty, and was held in $2500 for trial in this session of the criminal court.

State Detective Whitney arrested Davis in Los Angeles, Cal., where he was ill in a hospital, last week. He waived extradition proceedings, and arrived here early yesterday morning. His father, John P. Davis, a selectman, of Carlisle, reimbursed the town for the full amount of his son's embezzlement.

Are you after bargains? Go to Cooper's.

WAR NEWS

A dispatch from Japan says: The Japanese goods have advanced twenty-five per cent., so don't miss this opportunity. It is a chance of a lifetime. We are having a clearance sale of all Japanese and eastern art work. We give you 25 to 35 per cent discount on all goods. Come in and examine our prices. The only sale of its kind ever offered in Lowell. THE ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 315 Merrimack street.

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TEXTILE SCHOOL

Severely Attacked by Rep. Bennett

The Lowell Textile school was severely criticized by Representative Bennett of Saugus at the state house yesterday.

He appeared before the committee on education in favor of his bill for an investigation of the textile schools of the state. He said in part:

"When I came out of college I went into a cotton mill. I regretted that I did not have a textile education, and said as much to my overseer. He told me that he had attended an evening textile school, and doubted whether it was worth the while, since the instructors were not practical men.

"I believe that since the state expends so much money for an important purpose, it should spend it only to the best advantage. The cotton industry, as large as it is, does not comprise the manufacturing of the state. If the state is going to spend money lavishly for textile instruction it must meet demands for appropriations for other industries. The sum of $252,000 has already been expended by the state upon the Lowell school. The city has given $66,000. In all, the state has given half a million to textile schools.

"The city of Lowell itself has four trustees on the board there. The labor organizations have but one trustee. Many of the self-perpetuating trustees have not had practical experience in the mill, and can't tell what is of vital importance in textile instruction.

"What does the commonwealth know about the expenditure of the money that it has granted, or concerning the policy of te schools? Isn't it time to take an account of stock and look over the property?

"The time to make a friendly investigation is now. Men to serve on a commission could easily be found, and the expense would not be large. I had the pleasure this week of talking with a man who thinks that the technical schools in England are better than they are in America. I will file two English examination papers with the committee. They are intensely practical and are held by royal examiners. In a recent examination only 11 out of 30 were allowed to receive diplomas.

"My bill doesn't provide for such examiners, but asks for a general overhauling and remodelling of the system. The schools should be run on one plan, not hit or miss. In England 80 pupils to a teacher are not unusual, and there is no principal at all. The instructors are so expert that manufacturers often turn to them. Instructors of our textile schools are not called upon as experts. The only case I know of is the instructor chemistry and dyeing at the Lowell school.

"In England a graduate is able to take charge of an entire mill when he gets his diploma. The Lowell school has turned out only seven graduates who have been employed in the mills of the trustees, and four have gone into one mill. Not a graduate has been employed by an officer of the school. They were not thought good enough for that."

"I admit that there is a fine plant in each city and that the trustees are honest, but the schools have been unable to produce men capable of taking any but humble positions in the mill. I could make charges and prove them if I cared to. The quantity of wool used in Lowell is but a few pounds at a time."

"Do you know that for a fact?" asked James T. Smith.

"I can present evidence if the committee desires it. The instructors in finishing and chemistry and the man in charge of the Lowell school are not practical mill men."

James T. Smith appeared for the Lowell school. He said that he was not opposed to a commission when the proper time came.

Thomas Walsh replied to statements made by Mr. Bennett and said that the men in charge of the school are practical men.

James T. Smith spoke at some length in defense of the school and lauding it as the best of the kind in existence.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The young ladies of St. John's parish conducted a delightful entertainment in the town hall in aid of the church, last evening, and the hall was packed, some 500 people being in attendance.

The North Chelmsford brass band was in attendance and rendered a number of Irish airs before the performance began. The opening number was a fine exhibition of bag punching by John E. Desmond, lately of Keith's theatre. Master Desmond made a big hit. The other numbers were as follows: Character duet, Nellie and George Waugh, reading, "Erin Flag," Miss Lottie Lowe; song, selected, Miss Katie Fay, dancing, Miss Blanche Kelley; duet, Miss Annie and Emilie Deeney; harmonica selections, Charles Glidden.

Part two of the program consisted of a very laughable farce, entitled "The Duchess of Dublin."

The cast of characters was as follows:

Dr. Adam Aconite, a young physician, Walter J. McEnaney; Frank Friskey, the cause of it all, John J. O'Connell; Oliver Oldbrick, rich and gouty, Thomas H. Murphy; Silas Sharpest, a speculator, John E. Hogan; Dennis Dolan, a widower, John E. Harrington, Peter Plumpface, with a bad cough, Frank Manyon; Annie Aconite, the doctor's sister, Miss Clara J. McCoy; Lucy Linden, a milliner, Miss Tessie McCabe, Miss Abigail Above, an autograph hunter, Miss Alice Biney; Maggie Mullen, the Duchess of Dublin, Miss Kitty Curry.

Among those present were Rev. Edward T. Schofield and Rev. John McNamara, and both were highly pleased at the entertainment.

Mr. Daniel Davis, overseer in the bleachery who has been seriously ill for several weeks with typhoid pneumonia, is able to be out of doors.

GREEK ARRAIGNED

He Entered Plea of Not Guilty

TAUNTON, Mass., March 18.—Pantilas Cotovrelinas pleaded not guilty in the district court before Judge Fox today to the charge of murder in the first degree in shooting his cousin, Constantine Clipouras in this city. He was held without bail for the June term of the grand jury at New Bedford and remanded to the local jail. Chief of Police Charles F. Dunbar and Deputy James Cash testified that the prisoner had made a confession to them of having committed the crime.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Nowadays something new in the dramatic or entertainment line is rare but a real stage surprise was presented at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening in the production of a dramatic musical comedy novelty entitled "Dare Devil Dorothy." The attendances both afternoon and evening were record breaking, demonstrating the fact that the success of this production in other cities had reached the ears of the theatre-going public of this city.

"Dare Devil Dorothy" is a play with a strong melodramatic story and is in four acts. The first act is located and takes place at the Courtlands, London; the second, which is largely composed of musical comedy with the original music and songs by Sparrow Harris, is located at the Bush Farms, Australia; the third act takes place at Scheene House, on the Thames, England. In which it is said some powerful dramatic acting takes place and is also noted for magnificent costuming of the ladies in the cast. The fourth act is almost entirely composed of a very novel circus scene which is part of the plot and in which a series of new and splendid specialty people will appear in some of the latest vaudeville acts.

Grace Gibbons, as "Dorothy," was exceedingly good, sang well and was sweet to look upon. Her sister "Ruth" was well played by Muriel Stone, while "Rosy Anne," a pert, saucy creature and very funny, was given a full measure of justice as acted by Zelza Marston. Tobey Craig was "Judith," the important maid, and incidentally did some clever acrobatic work. Mr. Frederick Harris doubled in the roles of "General Garson" and "Featherstone Hough"; G. Lionel Seyboldt played "Capt. George Fielding"; John McKee was the "Capt. Edward Dudley"; William H. Conley was the "Silas Crump," and the minor parts were capably filled.

Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening and large attendances will be in order.

FIREMEN INJURED

INCENDIARY FIRE IN SCHOOL BUILDING IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Six firemen have been severely injured in a fire of supposed incendiary origin, which burned the old Holden school building at Loomis and Thirty First streets. One man may not recover. All the injured men were on the third floor of the burning structure when the roof fell upon them. The fire started upon the third floor and by the time the first engines arrived the entire upper part of the building was in flames. It was feared the fire would spread to the new school building adjoining which is trice the size of the burned structure, but by hard work the flames were confined to the upper floors.

The old Holden school building was erected at a cost of $50,000. The new structure cost more than $100,000. It was damaged by water.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perron of Manchester, N. H., are the guests of Mrs. George Charron and Mr. and Mrs. George Charron, Jr., of Lowell.

STRIKE SPREADS

10,000 Men May be Involved

NEW YORK, March 18.—Twenty thousand bricklayers and laborers and about 200 iron workers are on strike and unless a settlement can be reached at a conference today the strike will probably spread until about 100,000 men are involved.

The conference between the joint board of arbitration of the union builders' association and the delegates of the bricklayers' union adjourned at an early hour today without having reached any agreement and the employers considering it improbable that any settlement will be arrived at today's conferences are preparing for the strike which they think will follow. Members of other unions who will be out of work because they cannot proceed with building without the bricklayers are said to be indignant that the bricklayers should tie up the whole building industry.

Twenty-five hundred lithographers have struck rather than be locked out. They quit work at the direction of their district officers when they found that they must sign the arbitration agreement or be discharged. The employers say that 55 men have already signed the agreement and are ready to go to work, but the officers of the union declare positively that only 15 men have signed.

WILL RESUME BUSINESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—William H. Avery, general agent of the Toyo Kisin Kaisha steamship company in this city, that says the company is preparing to resume business between San Francisco and the Orient and that it would probably have its first new steamship here within the next 10 days. The company, it is said, has obtained options on a number of good boats to take the places of the company's vessels, American Maru, Nippon Maru and Hong Kong Maru, recently appropriated by the Japanese government for service in its transport fleet.

FIVE GIANT SCHOONERS.

BOSTON, March 18.—With the probable arrival today of the schooner George W. Wells, now off Cape Cod, there will be assembled in Boston harbor a seven and four six-masted schooners, the five giants of the Atlantic coastwise fleet.

The vessels are the Thomas W. Lawson, 4914 tons; the Eleanor A. Percy, 3062 tons; George W. Wells, 2793 tons; Addie M. Lawrence, 2695 tons, and the William L. Douglas, 2470 tons.

Such a fleet of large schooners has never before floated at one time in any harbor in the world.

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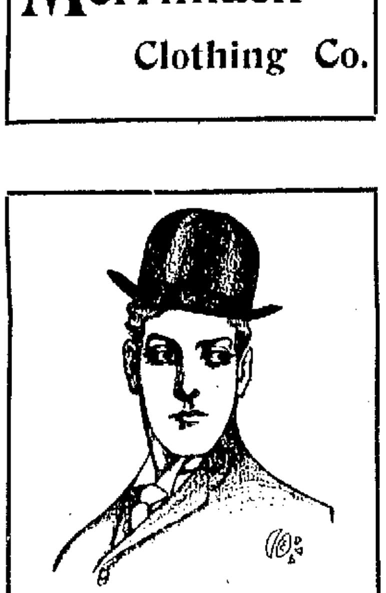

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Boys of today dress very nearly like the man.

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Short box coats, single breasted, fly front, light grey, tan and olive, covert cloth. Just what the man wears, and these are priced at $5—size 3 to 16 years. Others as high as $7 and as low as $3.

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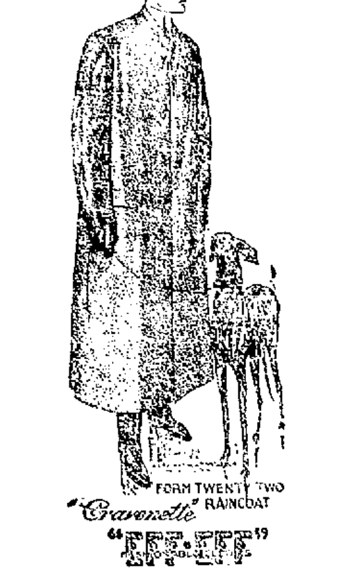

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Brown mare, weighing 1100 lbs., extra good driver, brown horse, weighing 900 lbs., trot in three minutes and a perfect family horse, bay horse, weighing 900 lbs., clever all-round horse, can step very fast, brown mare, weighing 1050 lbs., an extra good business horse, black horse, weighing 1050 lbs.; bay mare, weighing 1100 lbs., good worker, black horse, weighing 1025 lbs., extra good driver and an all-round good horse for some one; grey horse, weighing 1075 lbs.

AT 11.30 O'CLOCK

One pair of horses, bay and grey, weighing 2800 lbs., an extra good work team, single or double, also a stone wagon and a set of heavy team harnesses. This pair of horses have worked all winter, and they are in right good shape for some one who wants a heavy team.

THE WEATHER
There will be rain or snow tonight. Saturday, threatening rain or snow; fresh to brisk south to west winds.

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ANOTHER DENIAL

Diplomatic Agent Says Port Arthur Was Not Taken

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—A diplomatic agent of Viceroy Alexieff at Port Arthur reiterates the denial of the report that Port Arthur has been abandoned. In the bombardment of March 10, the casualties were five killed. Several buildings were damaged. As the result of a conference between the minister of marine and foreign affairs, the following additional articles have been declared contraband of war:

Provisions of all kinds, destined for the Japanese army, including grain, fish products, beans and bean oil; parts of machines for the manufacture of weapons and ammunition.

The emperor yesterday received Gen. Sakhareff acting minister of war and chief of the general staff with whom he discussed the reported concentration of Japanese troops at Ping Yang.

The Emperor will inspect more of the warships today.

TWELVE JAPANESE HELD AS SUSPECTS

MOSCOW, March 18—Twelve Japanese, including five women, arrived here yesterday and were detained by the police as suspects. They claim they had been working in China but fearing persecution by their co-laborers, they determined to come to Moscow.

At Omsk one of their numbers was arrested and held.

RUSSIAN TROOPS TO ARREST KOREANS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—A communication from the foreign office is published here confirming the statement made to the correspondent of the Associated Press that Russia does not regard Koren as belligerent and will not do so until there is evidence that Korea is actively making common cause with Japan. The communication after reiterating the assertion that Russia considers Korea simply a neutral state acting under violent pressure by Japan and deprived of the power of free action and that Russia therefore cannot regard as valid any treaty to the benefit of Japan nor the abrogation of Russian concessions, proceeds:

"Should the Russian troops encounter Korean forces operating against the Russians under the influence of Japanese officers who are forcing them to act against the wishes of the Korean government, the Russians are instructed not to fight them as though they were the troops of a belligerent state but to confine themselves to placing them under arrest."

SPECIAL SESSION OF JAPANESE DIET

TOKIO, March 18—In accordance with a recent imperial rescript a special session of the Japanese diet opened today. M. Matsuda, the leader of the Seiguikai party formed by Marquis Ito, was elected president of the house of representatives.

PRIZE COURTS TO BE INSTITUTED

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The ministry of marine has directed the institution of prize courts at Sebastopol, Libru, Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY HAS WITHDRAWN

BERLIN, March 18.—The correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger at Seoul, Korea, in a despatch dated March 17, confirms the previous reports that about 5000 Japanese pioneers are engaged in building the field railroad from Seoul northward and says the railroad from Fusan to Seoul will not be completed before October.

The correspondent also confirms the reports that the Russian horse artillery has withdrawn to the north bank of the Yalu and says part of the cavalry also has been withdrawn, leaving only a weak post at Syonchyon, south of Wiju.

WOUNDED JAPANESE ARE IN HOSPITALS

PORT ARTHUR, March 17.—(Thursday).—According to information received from Russians at Shanghai during the fighting at Port Arthur Feb. 10 and 11, the Japanese battleship Micasa was struck by 10 projectiles and seriously damaged, two Japanese battleships and two cruisers have been docked for repairs at Nagasaki and Sasebo and 2000 wounded men are said to be in the Japanese hospitals.

All the Russian wounded and sick at Port Arthur are making good progress toward recovery.

EMPEROR GREETED 12000 WORKERS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The emperor visited the new admiralty dockyard this afternoon. He was looking pale, but was cheerful and smilingly greeted the 12,000 dock workers who turned out to welcome him. His majesty, who was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Duke Peter of Oldenburg, walked through a slip in which the transport Volga is being built and went on board the transport Kamtchatka, which was moored alongside the slip. The grand duke Alexis and the high admiral followed. Then came a group of admirals, Avellan, Rogestvensky and Mollas. The emperor wore the sombre undress uniform of a navy captain. He inspected the arrangements of the Kamtchatka for accommodating 1000 men. She will be ready in a few months.

The emperor then boarded the first class protected cruiser Oleg, which was also afloat, amidst the ice. The Oleg's engines are ready, but her turrets and conning tower are not yet armored and her guns are not in position. His majesty asked a number of questions and looked pleased at what he had seen.

KOREAN REFUGEES ARE AT CHEFOO

SEOUL, March 18—The United States cruiser Cincinnati took to Chefoo the Korean general Yi-Hak-Kyumen and Chamberlain Hak-Sang, both advocates of the declaration of the neutrality of Korea submitted to the powers in January, the effect of which would have been favorable to Russia.

When the Japanese were victorious at Chemulpo the advocates of neutrality became alarmed and many of them came to the American legation and sought an asylum. Minister Allen declined to receive them and urged them to remain at their homes, stating that nothing would happen to them if they followed his advice.

None of them has been molested.

Hak-Sang, who was a frequent caller at the American legation, took refuge in the palace of flowers, which belongs to the emperor but is kept by a German woman and flies the German flag. Marquis Ito is now accommodated there. Hak-Sang thereby increased the suspicions of the pro-Russians and in view of the Japanese successes he decided to flee from the country. He asked Minister Allen to allow him to go to Che Foo on the Cincinnati. Mr. Allen declined to do so, unless Japanese Minister Hayashi had no objections. Minister Hayashi offered him transportation on a Japanese boat but Hak-Sang being afraid to accept refused the offer and renewed his appeal to be allowed to go on the Cincinnati to which Minister Hayashi consented.

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DELEGATES NAMED

BY COURT WAMESIT, FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

The regular meeting of Court Wamesit, F. of A., was held last night in Forester's hall and there was a large attendance of members. The principal business of the meeting was the election of delegates to the state convention which will be held in Lynn in May. William A. Kelly, William A. Hogan and John E. Maguire were elected and the following were chosen alternates: James Brimshaw, Thomas J. McDermott and James Sheehan.

Resolutions of sympathy were sent to Brother Hogan, who is ill at his home in Marlborough street.

After the business meeting a smoke talk and general good time was enjoyed. Speeches were delivered by William Kelly, John E. Maguire, Sub-Chief Ranger Robert J. Crowley, Thos. F. Garvey, William J. Riordan, John J. O'Connor and William O'Connell. Songs were sung by James Farrell, John McLaughlin, Anthony Chobody, William J. Riordan and William Buckley. James Sheehan and James Farrell gave violin selections and P. R. Monahan played on the piano. Dennis Halligsey gave several recitations.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

There was a pleasant surprise party at the home of Mrs. Fred Flynn last evening, the occasion being the 21st anniversary of her birth. Councilman James J. Hayes presented her with three beautiful rugs in behalf of the friends present. Graphophone selections were given by Frank Dixon, and supper was served. After a pleasant evening the guests departed, wishing her many returns of the day.

Don't miss Cooper's sale, 320 Merrimack street.

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Now before you buy, decide whether it will be Oxfords or boots, black or russet—then come here, look carefully through our own make Ladies' Shoes at $2.00 a pair.

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IN POLICE COURT

Boys Couldn't Talk English

AND JUDGE HADLEY DIDN'T LIKE IT

One Stole Money From the Other

In police court today Eraclis Vlahacos, a juvenile, charged with the larceny of $5 from James Lekakos, another juvenile, both Greek boys, was found guilty and a fine of $6 was imposed.

Judge Hadley expressed his displeasure in the fact that the boys who could not speak a word of English had certificates that relieved them from attending the day school. The boys are employed at the Lowell Machine shop and a few days ago Eraclis, while playing with James, engaged the latter in a wrestling bout and while so engaged slipped his hand into James' pocket and took the money.

Truant Officer Thornton was in police court, interested in the case, and while the trial was on Judge Hadley said he was sorry "that boys unable to speak the English language should find it convenient and be allowed permission to work while they ought to be obliged to attend the day school and acquaint themselves with the English language. He suggested that it was the duty of all foreigners to learn to read and write English. Mr. Thornton said that he agreed with Judge Hadley's views in the matter, but the law allowed that boys fourteen years old could work if they attended evening schools."

"I think," he said, "that the law is in fault."

Mary McCarthy, 16, had "lewd and lascivious" written against her name. Her case was continued until Saturday.

Her brother, John McCarthy, was in police court a few days ago and was turned over to the overseers of the poor. He was growing up in neglect. The condition of this family was a pitiable one, and the intervention of the police and Agent Richardson of the Humane society was brought about by reports from neighbors who were disgusted with the condition of affairs in the McCarthy home.

BOYS WERE FINED.

Three boys charged with the larceny of guns from a penny-in-the-slot machine at Frank P. Moody's place, cor. of Dutton and Fletcher street, were fined $5 each.

FOR ILLEGAL KEEPING.

Costos Farfares, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was fined $50. John McCoy, charged with illegally exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors at an ex-saloon in Lakeview avenue was fined $75.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Patrick Morrison, workhouse two months; Margaret Brown, workhouse three months; John Ainsworth, workhouse two months. Three first offenders were fined $2 each.

THE ARMY BILL

Has Been Sent to Conference

WASHINGTON, March 18—When the house met today the army appropriation bill was sent to conference, the speaker appointing Messrs. Hull (Iowa), Stevens (Minn.), and Hay (Va.), as conferees.

Mr. Littauer (N. Y.), asked that the house disagree to the senate amendments to the fortifications bill and ask for a conference. A separate vote of the house on the senate amendment providing for a submarine boat was demanded by Mr. Mudd (Maryland). The bill was sent to the appropriations committee under the rule.

The house agreed to the report of the committee on elections No. 1, declaring that Alexander D. Dantzler, contestant, was not elected to congress from the seventh district of South Carolina. Also that Julius Kahn, contestant, was not elected from the fourth California district; also that James M. Moody, contestant, was not elected from the tenth district of North Carolina. This confirms the titles of Representatives Lover, Livernash and Gudger in their seats.

Consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill for amendment then was resumed.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 18—At the beginning of the session of the senate tary of the interior be, and he is hereby lowing resolution and it was adopted without discussion: "That the secretary of the interior be, and he is hereby directed to inform the senate: First, whether an order has recently been issued enlarging the pension act of June 27, 1890, and amendments as to disabilities of applicants for pensions and if so to send to senate a copy of said order.

"Second, by what amount, if any, will said order probably increase pensions annually, particularly when the same shall become fully operative."

ON HALF TIME.

WICKFORD, R. I., March 18—The depression in the trade at present is given as the cause of the placing of the Wickford worsted mills on the half time list today, the eighty hands employed working three days a week.

W. C. T. U.

Next Sunday, March 20, will be the anniversary of Neal Dow's birth and the W. C. T. U. will hold services commemorative of that event at the M. E. church in Moore street. Rev. and Mrs. Yarron will give reminiscences of the life of the great temperance advocate. Services commence at 6.30. All are invited.

SMALL-POX CASE

Brings to Light Violation of the Law

What would appear to be a serious violation of the navigation and immigration laws has been brought to light by the recent discovery of a case of small-pox in this city, the victim of which has a very remote chance for recovery, and the federal authorities with the assistance of the local health department are now looking into the matter preparatory to bringing action if sufficient evidence is procured.

It will be recalled that a few days ago the attention of the health department was called to a case in Charles street court, the victim of which, Manuel Perry, was found to be suffering with confluent small-pox. Perry with his wife and four-year-old son, Manuel, Jr., were immediately removed to the contagious disease hospital, where they are now in isolation, the victim at the point of death.

At first the attention of the health department was taken up entirely with the effort to prevent the spread of the disease in the vicinity of Charles street, for the case had been developed several days before the health department became aware of its existence, during which time the victim mingled with his neighbors, thus giving the germ ample opportunity to get in its deadly work.

But when the local department submitted its report of the case to the state board of health as is required by law Agent Knapp received a reply that made him renew his efforts to get at the source of the disease by interviewing the family of the victim. It is impossible to get a clear account from them as the family are Portuguese and have been in this country only a few months and know little or nothing about the English language. But by means of an interpreter some information has been given that has caused the federal authorities to look into the matter.

The state board asked Agent Knapp to make special efforts to trace the source of the disease in this case as at the present time there is only one other case in the state, that being in Fall River and the people concerned are no way are connected with the Lowell family. The source of the disease is always readily traced and when the state board found that the only two cases in the state were in no way connected with each other they became much interested to learn where the Lowell case originated.

Through an interpreter Agent Knapp learned that the family sailed from Lisbon to America some five or six months ago and landed in New Bedford on November 1. They lived in New Bedford until December 2, when they moved to Lowell, taking the tenement in Charles street court. The vessel on which they sailed did not come here direct but went first to the Madeira Islands, thence to the Azores and finally to this country. The vessel on which they sailed was named the "Peninsula," and the line "Emperiza Insulana Navegacao," Captain Joseph F. Mosservoes. The agent of the line one Genova has an office in New York.

The Perrys state that while they were at the Madeira Islands they took on two Portuguese supposed of be suffering with measles, but who developed small-pox after the vessel got under way. These two were put off the ship at the Azores.

After the vessel had left the Azores for America the boy, Manuel Perry, Jr., was taken down with small-pox and was quite ill, though he recovered and was about all well when the ship reached New Bedford. According to the Perrys nothing was said about the small-pox case when the ship reached port nor were the effects of the family taken away from them or even fumigated. The vessel was not quarantined and they were allowed to land.

All their effects were in two trunks and these they took with them to Lowell and it is supposed that the disease germs were in the clothing which was packed away in the trunks before the vessel docked and it is the inference of the health department that the disease came through the medium of the clothing in the trunks and from no other source.

Agent Knapp has thus informed the state and federal authorities also explaining that the evidence was taken through an interpreter and was not of the best kind of evidence, still he thought it best to give the evidence as he found it.

There is a law on the navigation books which compels the captain of a vessel to report all cases of contagion on board and to go into quarantine upon landing at port while the passengers affected by the disease are fitted out with new clothing and all their old effects destroyed. Thus if what the Perrys say is true the captain of the vessel is amenable to the law.

SULLY SUSPENDS

Great Operator Had to Give Up

LONG DECLINE IN FUTURE CONTRACTS

Forced Cotton King to Make Move

NEW YORK, March 18—The suspension of Daniel J. Sully & Co., the junior member of which is Daniel J. Sully, the operator whose dealings in and manipulation of the cotton market have been the sensation of the speculative world for several years, was announced on the cotton exchange today. This announcement came at the close of a long decline in the price of future contracts. Some weeks ago on heavy buying believed to have been more of a manipulative than of an investment character, the price for future delivery of the staple was pushed above the 17 mark and predictions were made by those in charge of the bull campaign that the 20 cent mark would be reached and passed. These predictions, however, were never realized and when the bull pool tried to realize on some of its paper profits it found that the bears had "taken the market" and in one afternoon there was a rapid drop in prices of more than a cent a pound. It was at this time that Sully gave out a statement that he was going south for a rest and would retire from active market trading for a time. He changed his mind, however, when the trend of prices turned and remained in New York, presumably in order to stem the tide if he could. Day after day a new low level was reached, in spite of the bull buying and except for occasional spasmodic rallies the drop was not interrupted. From time to time reports were given out that Sully had sold out before the break, but these found few believers and his buying, when he bought, was attributed to efforts to support prices and not to the inauguration of a new campaign for higher prices.

His profits on his old deals were known to be enormous and presumably all of these were used to bolster his present deals.

After the suspension was announced Sully locked himself in his office and declined to give out any statement. Wild guesses were made as to the liabilities, but all agreed that they must be well up in the millions.

CAUSED A SENSATION.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 18.—The announcement of the failure of Broker Sully created a tremendous sensation on the floor of the cotton exchange, sending the whole ring into a panic. There was instantly a tremendous drop in cotton and at the moment it seemed impossible to say where the slump would terminate. Shortly after the sensational bulletin came in over the wired, the market was reported to be down about $10 a bale.

WHAT MILL MEN SAY.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 18.—The announcement of the embarrassment of Daniel J. Sully created a decided sensation in the cotton trade here. Mr. Sully belongs in this city and his daring operations in the bull campaign in futures have been followed closely by all classes of citizens. In fact outside of brokerage and trade circles there has been more interest here than in most cities of the country, in the cotton market since a year ago last February.

Many local speculations followed Sully's example and advice and not a few profited handsomely last year. Mr. Sully is comparatively a young man and had not been prominent outside of this city until the campaign inaugurated over a year ago. In manufacturing circles there has been little or no sympathy with Sully in his operations and by mill men the opinion is held that the suspension will do much towards clearing away the uncertain situation in the textile trade.

BROKERS FOUGHT.

NEW YORK, March 18—The announcement of the failure of the Sully firm on the cotton exchange was the signal for a wild scene of excitement in which the brokers on the floor joined. A wild shout went up and the members joined in a rough and tumble fight, after which the floor was covered with broken chairs and fragments of torn clothing, while the members emerged in a much battered and bruised condition.

SULLY'S VICTIMS PLEASED.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 18—The announcement of the suspension of Daniel J. Sully & Co., caused little grief in this city. The manufacturers as a whole and most of the cotton brokers have with cause considered themselves victims of the manipulation in the cotton market by the bulls of whom Sully was the acknowledged leader.

Values were made too unstable for safe operations of any extension in legitimate lines. The speculative interest crowded out everything else. Naturally the mill men are not sorry at the fall of the man who more than anyone else has made business conditions so wholly subservient to speculative interests.

The break in cotton prices resulting from the suspension will have little effect here as there has been very little speculation. If prices stay down the mills will buy cotton and the general curtailment now pending may be averted at least in part.

THOMAS BEAVEN

FATHER OF BISHOP BEAVEN IS DEAD.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 18.—Thomas Beaven, father of Right Rev. Thomas Beaven, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Springfield, died of pneumonia today. Mr. Beaven was 87 years old. He had been a machinist and engineer, but of late years had retired from active business. Besides the bishop, he leaves another son, Rev. James Beaven of the diocese of Providence.

KINKAID RENOMINATED.

ALLIANCE, Neb., March 18—The sixth district republican convention has unanimously re-nominated Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid and named two delegates to the national convention. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the national administration and instructing the delegates to work for the nomination of President Roosevelt and John L. Webster.

GENERAL WOOD

Was Confirmed by the Senate

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Brig. Gen. Leonard Wood's nomination was confirmed by a large majority. The vote was 45 to 16.

Senators Kittredge and Scott were the only republicans who voted against Wood. Cockrell, Pettus, Dubois, Patterson and Clarke (Ark.), democrats, voted for him.

THIRTEEN STRANGLED

FOR TAKING PART IN KOREAN QUEEN'S MURDER.

SEOUL, March 18.—On Wednesday last thirteen accomplices in the murder of the queen of Korea in 1895 were executed by strangling in the city prison. Twenty-two highwaymen were similarly executed at the same time.

NEW BUILDINGS

ABOUT TO GO UP IN MOORE STREET.

Contractor Babcour has taken out a permit to construct two two-tenement houses at the corner of Moore and Whidden streets for Catherine and Annie Noonan.

SUPERIOR COURT.

The spring term of the civil session of the superior court will be held at the court house in Gorham street commencing Monday, April 4.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

BOMB EXPLODED

Major Papin Was Fatally Injured

LIEGE, Belgium, March 18—An infernal machine exploded early this morning outside the residence of Commissioner of Police Laurent, wrecking the house, fatally injuring an artillery officer, Maj. Papin, and seriously wounding half a dozen other persons.

When the machine was discovered Major Papin was summoned and was examining the package in which the machine was concealed when the explosion occurred. Papin's legs were blown off and he shortly afterwards succumbed. A policeman who also lost his legs by the explosion is in a precarious condition. Thousands of windows were shattered. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the outrage.

WILL NOT STRIKE

VOTE OF THE MINERS ANNOUNCED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 18.—The tellers who counted the vote of the miners on the acceptance or rejection of the scale of wages offered by the operators today announced the result as follows:

Total votes cast 165,887; for accepting the scale, 93,514; against the scale and in favor of a strike, 67,373. Majority against a strike, 31,361.

ASSESS STOCKHOLDERS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 18.—From the figures now in the possession of the receivers, an assessment of 100 per cent on the stockholders of the Hampden Trust Co., of Springfield, will probably be ordered. The bank's capital is $100,000 and as the liabilities amount to $1,000,000 and the probable assets to only $900,000 a full assessment cannot well be avoided. A dividend of either 25 or 33 1-3 per cent for the creditors will be declared next week.

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Choice California Prunes, 3 lbs. 25c; 10c lb.
Fine California Prunes, 4 lbs. 25c; 7c lb.
Silver Prunes.....15c lb.
California Evaporated Peaches, 12c lb.
California Evaporated Apricots, 15c lb.
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Good Evaporated Apples.....10c lb.
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5.48	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.22	7.40	8.30	7.26
s6.39	7.30	7.55	8.55
n6.42	7.53	8.23	9.01
s7.01	8.02	c9.03	9.37
e7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
s7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	9.35	c11.35	12.05
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.46	c1.00	1.37
11.00	12.08	2.00	3.01
s11.45	12.25	c3.00	3.37
s12.14	1.00	s3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
es1.55	2.39	c5.00	5.37
s3.03	4.20	5.38	6.25
e*3.47	4.50	s5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
es5.23	6.15	e7.20	8.08
s5.44	7.00	e8.50	9.08
es6.23	7.03	10.30	11.34
e*7.33	8.10	11.20	12.23

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.00	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.30	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.30	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.03
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.00	6.43	9.30	10.40
6.15	7.15	B11.15	12.15
7.00	8.06		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.50	6.55		
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s7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.48	5.00	5.55
s8.20	10.15	e7.50	8.08
s4.25	5.36	e8.50	9.08
s6.38	7.09	9.00	10.02

LOCAL NEWS

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Secure your saddle horses at O'Donnell's stables for St. Patrick's day.

Big sale at Reliable Cooper's Cloak and Suit Store.

SCULPTOR STEVENSON DEAD.

LONDON, March 18.—David Watson Stevenson, the sculptor, died at Edinburgh this morning. He was born in 1846.

BULGARIAN GIRL

VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE IN MANCHURIA.

ODESSA, March 18.—A Bulgarian girl named Sorka Illeva, who fought and was wounded in the ranks of the Macedonian insurgents, has arrived here and volunteers for service in Manchuria. She wears masculine attire, is an expert horsewoman, and handles rifle and sword. The girl saw General Kaulbars, the commander-in-chief, here, who promised to endorse her application. She brought with her a full campaign equipment.

One pair muslin curtains and rod complete for 35 cents, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

DAVIS IS HELD

Carlisle Man Accused of Embezzlement

George P. Davis, the tax collector of Carlisle, who absconded with $1800 of the town's money in 1902, was arraigned in the superior court at East Cambridge yesterday. He entered a plea of not guilty, and was held in $2500 for trial in this session of the criminal court.

State Detective Whitney arrested Davis in Los Angeles, Cal., where he was ill in a hospital last week. He waived extradition proceedings, and arrived here early yesterday morning. His father, John P. Davis, a selectman of Carlisle, reimbursed the town for the full amount of his son's embezzlement.

Are you after bargains? Go to Cooper's.

WAR NEWS

A dispatch from Japan says: The Japanese goods have advanced twenty-five per cent., so don't miss this opportunity. It is a chance of a lifetime. We are having a clearance sale of all Japanese and eastern art work. We give you 25 to 35 per cent. discount on all goods. Come in and examine our prices. The only sale of its kind ever offered in Lowell. THE ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 318 Merrimack street.

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TEXTILE SCHOOL

Severely Attacked by Rep. Bennett

The Lowell Textile school was severely criticized by Representative Bennett of Saugus at the state house yesterday.

He appeared before the committee on education in favor of his bill for an investigation of the textile schools of the state. He said in part:

"When I came out of college I went into a cotton mill. I regretted that I did not have a textile education, and said as much to my overseer. He told me that he had attended an evening textile school, and doubted whether it was worth the while, since the instructors were not practical men.

"I believe that since the state expends so much money for an important purpose, it should spend it only to the best advantage. The cotton industry, as large as it is, does not comprise the manufacturing of the state. If the state is going to spend money lavishly for textile instruction it must meet demands for appropriations for other industries. The sum of $252,000 has already been expended by the state upon the Lowell school. The city has given $66,000. In all, the state has given half a million to textile schools.

"The city of Lowell itself has four trustees on the board there. The labor organizations have but one trustee. Many of the self-perpetuating trustees have not had practical experience in the mill, and can't tell what is of vital importance in textile instruction.

"What does the commonwealth know about the expenditure of the money that it has granted, or concerning the policy of its schools? Isn't it time to take an account of stock and look over the property?

"The time to make a friendly investigation is now. Men to serve on a commission could easily be found, and the expense would not be large. I had the pleasure this week of talking with a man who thinks that the technical schools in England are better than they are in America. I will file two English examination papers with the committee. They are intensely practical and are held by royal examiners. In a recent examination only 11 out of 30 were allowed to receive diplomas.

"My bill doesn't provide for such examiners, but asks for a general overhauling and remodelling of the system. The schools should be run on one plan, not hit or miss. In England 80 pupils to a teacher are not unusual, and there is no principal at all. The instructors are so expert that manufacturers often turn to them. Instructors of our textile schools are not called upon as experts. The only case I know of is the instructor chemistry and dyeing at the Lowell school.

"In England a graduate is able to take charge of an entire mill when he gets his diploma. The Lowell school has turned out only seven graduates who have been employed in the mills of the trustees, and four have gone into one mill. Not a graduate has been employed by an officer of the school. They were not thought good enough for that."

"I admit that there is a fine plant in each city and that the trustees are honest, but the schools have been unable to produce men capable of taking any but humble positions in the mill. I could make charges and prove them if I cared to. The quantity of wool used in Lowell is but a few pounds at a time."

"Do you know that for a fact?" asked James T. Smith.

"I can present evidence if the committee desires it. The instructors in finishing and chemistry and the man in charge of the Lowell school are not practical mill men."

James T. Smith appeared for the Lowell school. He said that he was not opposed to a commission when the proper time came.

Thomas Walsh replied to statements made by Mr. Bennett and said that the men in charge of the school are practical men.

James T. Smith spoke at some length in defense of the school and lauding it as the best of the kind in existence.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The young ladies of St. John's parish conducted a delightful entertainment in the town hall in aid of the church, last evening, and the hall was packed, some 500 people being in attendance.

The North Chelmsford brass band was in attendance and rendered a number of Irish airs before the performance began. The opening number was a fine exhibition of bag punching by John E. Desmond, lately of Keith's theatre. Master Desmond made a big hit. The other numbers were as follows: Character duet, Nellie and George Waugh; reading, "Erin Flag," Miss Lottie Lowe; song, selected, Miss Katie Fay; dancing, Miss Blanche Keller; duet, Miss Annie and Emily Dorney; harmonica selections, Charles Giddop.

Part two of the program consisted of a very laughable farce, entitled "The Duchess of Dublin."

The cast of characters was as follows:

Dr. Adam Aconite, a young physician, Walter J. McEnaney; Frank Friskey, the cause of it all, John J. O'Connell; Oliver Oldbrick, rich and gouty, Thomas H. Murphy; Silas Sharpest, a speculator, John E. Hogan; Dennis Dolan, a widower, John E. Harrington; Peter Plumpface, with a bad cough, Frank Munyon; Annie Aconite, the doctor's sister, Miss Clara J. McCoy; Lucy Linden, a milliner, Miss Tessie McCabe, Miss Abigail Allove, an autograph hunter, Miss Alice Riney; Maggie Mullen, the Duchess of Dublin, Miss Kitty Curry.

Among those present were Rev. Edward T. Schofield and Rev. John McNamara, and both were highly pleased at the entertainment.

Mr. Daniel Haces, overseer in the bleachery, who has been seriously ill for several weeks with typhoid pneumonia, is able to be out of doors.

GREEK ARRAIGNED

He Entered Plea of Not Guilty

TAUNTON, Mass., March 18.—Pantilas Colovrettinas pleaded not guilty in the district court before Judge Fox today to the charge of murder in the first degree in shooting his cousin, Constantine Cliponras in this city. He was held without bail for the June term of the grand jury at New Bedford and remanded to the local jail. Chief of Police Charles E. Dunbar and Deputy James Cash testified that the prisoner had made a confession to them of having committed the crime.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Nowadays something new in the dramatic or entertainment line is rare but a real stage surprise was presented at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening in the production of a dramatic musical comedy novelty entitled "Dare Devil Dorothy." The attendances both afternoon and evening were record breaking, demonstrating the fact that the success of this production in other cities had reached the ears of the theatre-going public of this city.

"Dare Devil Dorothy" is a play with a strong melodramatic story and is in four acts. The first act is located and takes place at the Courtlands, London; the second, which is largely composed of musical comedy with the original music and songs by Sparrow Harris, is located at the Bush Farms, Australia; the third act takes place at Scheone House, on the Thames, England, in which it is said some powerful dramatic acting takes place and is also noted for magnificent costuming of the ladies in the cast. The fourth act is almost entirely composed of a very novel circus scene which is part of the plot and in which a series of new and splendid specialty people will appear in some of the latest vaudeville acts.

Grace Gibbons, as "Dorothy," was exceedingly good, sang well and was sweet to look upon. Her sister "Ruth" was well played by Muriel Stone, while "Rosy Anne," a pert, saucy creature and very funny, was given a full measure of justice as acted by Zelza Marston. Tobey Craig was "Judith," the important maid, and incidentally did some clever acrobatic work. Mr. Frederick Harris doubled in the roles of "General Garson" and "Featherstone Hough"; G. Lionel Seybold played "Capt. George Fielding"; John McKee was the "Capt. Edward Dudley"; William H. Conley was the "Silas Crump," and the minor parts were capably filled.

Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening and large attendances will be in order.

FIREMEN INJURED

INCENDIARY FIRE IN SCHOOL BUILDING IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Six firemen have been severely injured in a fire of supposed incendiary origin, which burned the old Holden school building at Loomis and Thirty First streets. One man may not recover. All the injured men were on the third floor of the burning structure when the roof fell upon them. The fire started upon the third floor and by the time the first engines arrived the entire upper part of the building was in flames. It was feared the fire would spread to the new school building adjoining which is twice the size of the burned structure, but by hard work the flames were confined to the upper floors.

The old Holden school building was erected at a cost of $50,000. The new structure cost more than $100,000. It was damaged by water.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perron of Manchester, N. H., are the guests of Mrs. George Charron and Mr. and Mrs. George Charron, Jr., of Lowell.

STRIKE SPREADS

10,000 Men May be Involved

NEW YORK, March 18—Twenty thousand bricklayers and laborers and about 2000 iron workers are on strike and unless a settlement can be reached at a conference today the strike will probably spread until about 100,000 men are involved.

The conference between the joint board of arbitration of the union builders' association and the delegates of the bricklayers' union adjourned at an early hour today without having reached any agreement and the employers considering it improbable that any settlement will be arrived at today's conferences are preparing for the strike which they think will follow. Members of other unions who will be out of work because they cannot proceed with building without the bricklayers are said to be indignant that the bricklayers should tie up the whole building industry.

Twenty-five hundred lithographers have struck rather than be locked out. They quit work at the direction of their district officers when they found that they must sign the arbitration agreement or be discharged. The employers say that 55 men have already signed the agreement and are ready to go to work, but the officers of the union declare positively that only 16 men have signed.

WILL RESUME BUSINESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18—William H. Avery, general agent of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamship company in this city, that says the company is preparing to resume business between San Francisco and the Orient and that it would probably have its first new steamship here within the next 30 days. The company, it is said, has obtained options on a number of good boats to take the places of the company's vessels, American Maru, Nippon Maru and Honk Kong Maru, recently appropriated by the Japanese government for service in its transport fleet.

FIVE GIANT SCHOONERS.

BOSTON, March 18—With the probable arrival today of the schooner George W. Wells, now off Cape Cod, there will be assembled in Boston harbor a seven and four-masted schooners, the five giants of the Atlantic coastwise fleet.

The vessels are the Thomas W. Lawson, 4914 tons; the Eleanor A. Percy, 3062 tons; George W. Wells, 2793 tons; Addie M. Lawrence, 2695 tons, and the William L. Douglas, 2470 tons.

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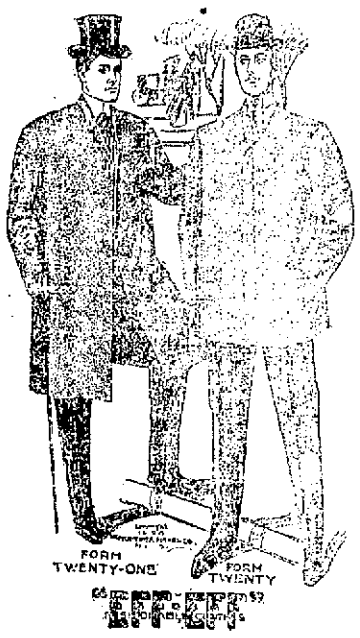

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Boys of today dress very nearly like the man.

There is a choice of fashions for him here. You'll travel for its equal.

Short box coats, single breasted, fly front, light grey, tan and olive, covert cloth. Just what the man wears, and these are priced at $5—size 3 to 16 years. Others as high as $7 and as low as $3.

Let Us Talk Facts

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Brown mare, weighing 1100 lbs., extra good driver; brown horse, weighing 900 lbs., trot in three minutes and a perfect family horse; bay horse, weighing 900 lbs., clever all-round horse, can step very fast; brown mare, weighing 1050 lbs., an extra good business horse; black horse, weighing 1050 lbs.; bay mare, weighing 1100 lbs., good worker; black horse, weighing 1025 lbs., extra good driver and an all-round good horse for some one; grey horse, weighing 1075 lbs.

AT 11.30 O'CLOCK

One pair of horses, bay and grey, weighing 2800 lbs., an extra good work team, single or double; also a stone wagon and a set of heavy team harnesses. This pair of horses have worked all winter, and they are in right good shape for some one who wants a heavy team.

THE WEATHER
There will be rain or snow tonight. Saturday, threatening rain or snow; fresh to brisk south to west winds.

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ANOTHER DENIAL

Diplomatic Agent Says Port Arthur Was Not Taken

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—A diplomatic agent of Viceroy Alexieff at Port Arthur reiterates the denial of the report that Port Arthur has been abandoned. In the bombardment of March 10, the casualties were five killed. Several buildings were damaged. As the result of a conference between the minister of marine and foreign affairs, the following additional articles have been declared contraband of war:

Provisions of all kinds, destined for the Japanese army, including grain, fish products, beans and bean oil; parts of machines for the manufacture of weapons and ammunition.

The emperor yesterday received Gen. Sakhareff acting minister of war and chief of the general staff with whom he discussed the reported concentration of Japanese troops at Ping Yang.

The Emperor will inspect more of the warships today.

TWELVE JAPANESE HELD AS SUSPECTS

MOSCOW, March 18.—Twelve Japanese, including five women, arrived here yesterday and were detained by the police as suspects. They claim they had been working in China but fearing persecution by their co-laborers, they determined to come to Moscow.

At Omsk one of their numbers was arrested and held.

RUSSIAN TROOPS TO ARREST KOREANS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—A communication from the foreign office is published here confirming the statement made to the correspondent of the Associated Press that Russia does not regard Korea as belligerent and will not do so until there is evidence that Korea is actively making common cause with Japan. The communication after reiterating the assertion that Russia considers Korea simply a neutral state acting under violent pressure by Japan and deprived of the power of free action and that Russia therefore cannot regard as valid any treaty to the benefit of Japan nor the abrogation of Russian concessions, proceeds:

"Should the Russian troops encounter Korean forces operating against the Russians under the influence of Japanese officers who are forcing them to act against the wishes of the Korean government, the Russians are instructed not to fight them as though they were the troops of a belligerent state but to confine themselves to placing them under arrest."

SPECIAL SESSION OF JAPANESE DIET

TOKIO, March 18—In accordance with a recent imperial rescript a special session of the Japanese diet opened today. M. Matsuda, the leader of the Seigukai party formed by Marquis Ito, was elected president of the house of representatives.

PRIZE COURTS TO BE INSTITUTED

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The ministry of marine has directed the institution of prize courts at Sebastopol, Libru, Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY HAS WITHDRAWN

BERLIN, March 18.—The correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger at Seoul, Korea, in a despatch dated March 17, confirms the previous reports that about 5000 Japanese pioneers are engaged in building the field railroad from Seoul northward and says the railroad from Fusan to Seoul will not be completed before October.

The correspondent also confirms the reports that the Russian horse artillery has withdrawn to the north bank of the Yalu and says part of the cavalry also has been withdrawn, leaving only a weak post at Syonchyon, south of Wiju.

WOUNDED JAPANESE ARE IN HOSPITALS

PORT ARTHUR, March 17.—(Thursday).—According to information received from Russians at Shanghai during the fighting at Port Arthur Feb. 10 and 11, the Japanese battleship Micasa was struck by 10 projectiles and seriously damaged, two Japanese battleships and two cruisers have been docked for repairs at Nagasaki and Sasebo and 2000 wounded men are said to be in the Japanese hospitals.

All the Russian wounded and sick at Port Arthur are making good progress toward recovery.

EMPEROR GREETED 12000 WORKERS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The emperor visited the new admiralty dockyard this afternoon. He was looking pale, but was cheerful and smilingly greeted the 12,000 dock workers who turned out to welcome him. His majesty, who was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Duke Peter of Oldenburg, walked through a slip in which the transport Volga is being built and went on board the transport Kamtchatka, which was moored alongside the slip. The grand duke Alexis and the high admiral followed. Then came a group of admirals, Avellan, Rogestvensky and Mollas. The emperor wore the sombre undress uniform of a navy captain. He inspected the arrangements of the Kamtchatka for accommodating 1000 men. She will be ready in a few months.

The emperor then boarded the first class protected cruiser Oleg, which was also afloat, amidst the ice. The Oleg's engines are ready, but her turrets and conning tower are not yet armored and her guns are not in position. His majesty asked a number of questions and looked pleased at what he had seen.

KOREAN REFUGEES ARE AT CHEFOO

SEOUL, March 18—The United States cruiser Cincinnati took to Chefoo the Korean general Yi-Hak-Kyumen and Chamberlain Hak-Sang, both advocates of the declaration of the neutrality of Korea submitted to the powers in January, the effect of which would have been favorable to Russia.

When the Japanese were victorious at Chemulpo the advocates of neutrality became alarmed and many of them came to the American legation and sought an asylum. Minister Allen declined to receive them and urged them to remain at their homes, stating that nothing would happen to them if they followed his advice.

None of them has been molested.

Hak-Sang, who was a frequent caller at the American legation, took refuge in the palace of flowers, which belongs to the emperor but is kept by a German woman and flies the German flag. Marquis Ito is now accommodated there. Hak-Sang thereby increased the suspicions of the pro-Russians and in view of the Japanese successes he decided to flee from the country. He asked Minister Allen to allow him to go to Che Foo on the Cincinnati. Mr. Allen declined to do so, unless Japanese Minister Hayashi had no objections. Minister Hayashi offered him transportation on a Japanese boat but Hak-Sang being afraid to accept refused the offer and renewed his appeal to be allowed to go on the Cincinnati to which Minister Hayashi consented.

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DELEGATES NAMED

BY COURT WAMESIT, FORESTERS OF AMERICA.

The regular meeting of Court Wamesit, F. of A., was held last night in Forester's hall and there was a large attendance of members. The principal business of the meeting was the election of delegates to the state convention which will be held in Lynn in May. William A. Kelly, William A. Hogan and John E. Maguire were elected and the following were chosen alternates: James Brimshaw, Thomas J. McDermott and James Sheehan.

Resolutions of sympathy were sent to Brother Hogan, who is ill at his home in Marlborough street.

After the business meeting a smoke talk and general good time was enjoyed. Speeches were delivered by William Kelly, John E. Maguire, Sub-Chief Ranger Robert J. Crowley, Thos. F. Garvey, William J. Riordan, John J. O'Connor and William O'Connell. Songs were sung by James Farrell, John McLaughlin, Anthony Chobody, William J. Riordan and William Buckley. James Sheehan and James Farrell gave violin selections and P. R. Monahan played on the piano. Dennis Halliissey gave several recitations.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

There was a pleasant surprise party at the home of Mrs. Fred Flynn last evening, the occasion being the 21st anniversary of her birth. Councilman James J. Hayes presented her with three beautiful rugs in behalf of the friends present. Graphophone selections were given by Frank Dixon, and supper was served. After a pleasant evening the guests departed, wishing her many returns of the day.

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What Can I Buy For $2.00?

This question will be asked by many a daughter this spring when her new shoes will have to be bought.

Now before you buy, decide whether it will be Oxfords or boots, black or russet—then come here, look carefully through our own make Ladies' Shoes at $2.00 a pair.

Don't buy in a hurry. Bring a friend along. Compare our shoes with any $2.00 shoe in town, and if they are not twenty per cent. better than any other at the price, don't buy ours.

O'Sullivan Bros. Company

The Big Shoe House of Lowell.
OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

IN POLICE COURT

Boys Couldn't Talk English

AND JUDGE HADLEY DIDN'T LIKE IT

One Stole Money From the Other

In police court today Eraclis Vlahacos, a juvenile, charged with the larceny of $5 from James Lekukos, another juvenile, both Greek boys, was found guilty and a fine of $6 was imposed.

Judge Hadley expressed his displeasure in the fact that the boys who could not speak a word of English had certificates that relieved them from attending the day school. The boys are employed at the Lowell Machine shop and a few days ago Eraclis, while playing with James, engaged the latter in a wrestling bout and while so engaged slipped his hand into James' pocket and took the money.

Truant Officer Thornton was in police court, interested in the case, and while the trial was on Judge Hadley said he was sorry "that boys unable to speak the English language should find it convenient and be allowed permission to work while they ought to be obliged to attend the day school and acquaint themselves with the English language. He suggested that it was the duty of all foreigners to learn to read and write English. Mr. Thornton said that he agreed with Judge Hadley's views in the matter, but the law allowed that boys fourteen years old could work if they attended evening schools."

"I think," he said, "that the law is in fault."

Mary McCarthy, 16, had "lewd and lascivious" written against her name. Her case was continued until Saturday.

Her brother, John McCarthy, was in police court a few days ago and was turned over to the overseers of the poor. He was growing up in neglect. The condition of this family was a pitiable one, and the intervention of the police and Agent Richardson of the Humane society was brought about by reports from neighbors who were disgusted with the condition of affairs in the McCarthy home.

BOYS WERE FINED.

Three boys charged with the larceny of gum from a penny-in-the-slot machine at Frank P. Moody's place, cor. of Dutton and Fletcher street, were fined $5 each.

FOR ILLEGAL KEEPING.

Costos Farfares, charged with illegally keeping liquor, was fined $50. John McCoy, charged with illegally exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors at an ex-saloon in Lakeview avenue was fined $70.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Patrick Morrison, workhouse two months; Margaret Brown, workhouse three months; John Ainsworth, workhouse two months. Three first offenders were fined $2 each.

THE ARMY BILL

Has Been Sent to Conference

WASHINGTON, March 18—When the house met today the army appropriation bill was sent to conference, the speaker appointing Messrs. Hull (Iowa), Stevens (Minn.), and Hay (Va.), as conferees.

Mr. Littauer (N. Y.), asked that the house disagree to the senate amendments to the fortifications bill and ask for a conference. A separate vote of the house on the senate amendment providing for a submarine boat was demanded by Mr. Mudd (Maryland). The bill was sent to the appropriations committee under the rule.

The house agreed to the report of the committee on elections No. 1, declaring that Alexander D. Dantzler, contestant, was not elected to congress from the seventh district of South Carolina. Also that Julius Kahn, contestant, was not elected from the fourth California district; also that James M. Moody, contestant, was not elected from the tenth district of North Carolina. This confirms the titles of Representatives Lover, Livernash and Gudger in their seats.

Consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill for amendment then was resumed.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 18—At the beginning of the session of the senate tary of the interior be, and he is hereby lowing resolution and it was adopted without discussion: "That the secretary of the interior be, and he is hereby directed to inform the senate: First, whether an order has recently been issued enlarging the pension act of June 27, 1890, and amendments as to disabilities of applicants for pensions and if so to send to senate a copy of said order.

"Second, by what amount, if any, will said order probably increase pensions annually, particularly when the same shall become fully operative."

ON HALF TIME.

WICKFORD, R. I., March 18—The depression in the trade at present is given as the cause of the placing of the Wickford worsted mills on the half time list today, the eighty hands employed working three days a week.

W. C. T. U.

Next Sunday, March 20, will be the anniversary of Neal Dow's birth and the W. C. T. U. will hold services commemorative of that event at the M. E. church in Moore street. Rev. and Mrs. Yarron will give reminiscences of the life of the great temperance advocate. Services commence at 6.30. All are invited.

SMALL-POX CASE

Brings to Light Violation of the Law

What would appear to be a serious violation of the navigation and immigration laws has been brought to light by the recent discovery of a case of small-pox in this city, the victim of which has a very remote chance for recovery, and the federal authorities with the assistance of the local health department are now looking into the matter preparatory to bringing action if sufficient evidence is procured.

It will be recalled that a few days ago the attention of the health department was called to a case in Charles street court, the victim of which, Manuel Perry, was found to be suffering with confluent small-pox. Perry with his wife and four-year-old son, Manuel, Jr., were immediately removed to the contagious disease hospital, where they are now in isolation, the victim at the point of death.

At first the attention of the health department was taken up entirely with the effort to prevent the spread of the disease in the vicinity of Charles street, for the case had been developed several days before the health department became aware of its existence, during which time the victim mingled with his neighbors, thus giving the germ ample opportunity to get in its deadly work.

But when the local department submitted its report of the case to the state board of health as is required by law Agent Knapp received a reply that made him renew his efforts to get at the source of the disease by interviewing the family of the victim. It is impossible to get a clear account from them as the family are Portuguese and have been in this country only a few months and know little or nothing about the English language. But by means of an interpreter some information has been given that has caused the federal authorities to look into the matter.

The state board asked Agent Knapp to make special efforts to trace the source of the disease in this case as at the present time there is only one other case in the state, that being in Fall River and the people concerned are no way are connected with the Lowell family. The source of the disease is always readily traced and when the state board found that the only two cases in the state were in no way connected with each other they became much interested to learn where the Lowell case originated.

Through an interpreter Agent Knapp learned that the family sailed from Lisbon to America some five or six months ago and landed in New Bedford on November 1. They lived in New Bedford until December 2, when they moved to Lowell, taking the tenement in Charles street court. The vessel on which they sailed did not come here direct but went first to the Madeira islands, thence to the Azores and finally to this country. The vessel on which they sailed was named the "Peninsula," and the line "Emperiza Insulana Navegacao," Captain Joseph F. Masservoes. The agent of the line one Genova has an office in New York.

The Perrys state that while they were at the Madeira islands they took on two Portuguese supposed at be suffering with measles, but who developed small-pox after the vessel got under way. These two were put off the ship at the Azores.

After the vessel had left the Azores for America the boy, Manuel Perry, Jr., was taken down with small-pox and was quite ill, though he recovered and was about all well when the ship reached New Bedford. According to the Perrys nothing was said about the small-pox case when the ship reached port nor were the effects of the family taken away from them or even fumigated. The vessel was not quarantined and they were allowed to land.

All their effects were in two trunks and these they took with them to Lowell and it is supposed that the disease germs were in the clothing which was packed away in the trunks before the vessel docked and it is the inference of the health department that the disease came through the medium of the clothing in the trunks and from no other source.

Agent Knapp has thus informed the state and federal authorities also explaining that the evidence was taken through an interpreter and was not of the best kind of evidence, still he thought it best to give the evidence as he found it.

There is a law on the navigation books which compels the captain of a vessel to report all cases of contagion on board and to go into quarantine upon landing at port while the passengers affected by the disease are fitted out with new clothing and all their old effects destroyed. Thus if what the Perrys say is true the captain of the vessel is amenable to the law.

SULLY SUSPENDS

Great Operator Had to Give Up

LONG DECLINE IN FUTURE CONTRACTS

Forced Cotton King to Make Move

NEW YORK, March 18—The suspension of Daniel J. Sully & Co., the junior member of which is Daniel J. Sully, the operator whose dealings in and manipulation of the cotton market have been the sensation of the speculative world for several years, was announced on the cotton exchange today. This announcement came at the close of a long decline in the price of future contracts. Some weeks ago on heavy buying believed to have been more of a manipulative than of an investment character, the price for future delivery of the staple was pushed above the 17 mark and predictions were made by those in charge of the bull campaign that the 20 cent mark would be reached and passed. These predictions, however, were never realized and when the bull pool tried to realize on some of its paper profits it found that the bears had "taken the market" and in one afternoon there was a rapid drop in prices of more than a cent a pound. It was at this time that Sully gave out a statement that he was going south for a rest and would retire from active market trading for a time. He changed his mind, however, when the trend of prices turned and remained in New York, presumably in order to stem the tide if he could. Day after day a new low level was reached, in spite of the bull buying and except for occasional spasmodic rallies the drop was not interrupted. From time to time reports were given out that Sully had sold out before the break, but these found few believers and his buying, when he bought, was attributed to efforts to support prices and not to the inauguration of a new campaign for higher prices.

His profits on his old deals were known to be enormous and presumably all of these were used to bolster his present deals.

After the suspension was announced Sully locked himself in his office and declined to give out any statement. Wild guesses were made as to the liabilities, but all agreed that they must be well up in the millions.

CAUSED A SENSATION.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 18.—The announcement of the failure of Broker Sully created a tremendous sensation on the floor of the cotton exchange, sending the whole ring into a panic. There was instantly a tremendous drop in cotton and at the moment it seemed impossible to say where the slump would terminate. Shortly after the sensational bulletin came in over the wires, the market was reported to be down about $10 a bale.

WHAT MILL MEN SAY.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 18.—The announcement of the embarrassment of Daniel J. Sully created a decided sensation in the cotton trade here. Mr. Sully belongs in this city and his daring operations in the bull campaign in futures have been followed closely by all classes of citizens. In fact outside of brokerage and trade circles there has been more interest here than in most cities of the country, in the cotton market since a year ago last February.

Many local speculations followed Sully's example and advice and not a few profited handsomely last year. Mr. Sully is comparatively a young man and had not been prominent outside of this city until the campaign inaugurated over a year ago. In manufacturing circles there has been little or no sympathy with Sully in his operations and by mill men the opinion is held that the suspension will do much towards clearing away the uncertain situation in the textile trade.

BROKERS FOUGHT.

NEW YORK, March 18—The announcement of the failure of the Sully firm on the cotton exchange was the signal for a wild scene of excitement in which the brokers on the floor joined. A wild shout went up and the members joined in a rough and tumble fight, after which the floor was covered with broken chairs and fragments of torn clothing, while the members emerged in a much battered and bruised condition.

SULLY'S VICTIMS PLEASED.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 18—The announcement of the suspension of Daniel J. Sully & Co., caused little grief in this city. The manufacturers as a whole and most of the cotton brokers have with cause considered themselves victims of the manipulation in the cotton market by the bulls of whom Sully was the acknowledged leader.

Values were made too unstable for safe operations of any extension in legitimate lines. The speculative interest crowded out everything else. Naturally the mill men are not sorry at the fall of the man who more than anyone else has made business conditions so wholly subservient to speculative interests.

The break in cotton prices resulting from the suspension will have little effect here as there has been very little speculation. If prices stay down the mills will buy cotton and the general curtailment now pending may be averted at least in part.

THOMAS BEAVEN

FATHER OF BISHOP BEAVEN IS DEAD.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 18.—Thomas Beaven, father of Right Rev. Thomas Beaven, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Springfield, died of pneumonia today. Mr. Beaven was 87 years old. He had been a machinist and engineer, but of late years had retired from active business. Besides the bishop, he leaves another son, Rev. James Beaven of the diocese of Providence.

KINKAID RENOMINATED.

ALLIANCE, Neb., March 18—The sixth district republican convention has unanimously re-nominated Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid and named two delegates to the national convention. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the national administration and instructing the delegates to work for the nomination of President Roosevelt and John L. Webster.

GENERAL WOOD

Was Confirmed by the Senate

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Brig. Gen. Leonard Wood's nomination was confirmed by a large majority. The vote was 45 to 16.

Senators Kittredge and Scott were the only republicans who voted against Wood. Cockrell, Pettus, Dubois, Patterson and Clarke (Ark.), democrats, voted for him.

THIRTEEN STRANGLED

FOR TAKING PART IN KOREAN QUEEN'S MURDER.

SEOUL, March 18.—On Wednesday last thirteen accomplices in the murder of the queen of Korea in 1895 were executed by strangling in the city prison. Twenty-two highwaymen were similarly executed at the same time.

NEW BUILDINGS

ABOUT TO GO UP IN MOORE STREET.

Contractor Rubeour has taken out a permit to construct two two-tenement houses at the corner of Moore and Whilden streets for Catherine and Annie Noonan.

SUPERIOR COURT.

The spring term of the civil session of the superior court will be held at the court house in Gorham street commencing Monday, April 4.

You can't expect to weave white satin with blackened hands, any more than you can expect good results from papers with a bogus circulation.

BOMB EXPLODED

Major Papin Was Fatally Injured

LIEGE, Belgium, March 18—An infernal machine exploded early this morning outside the residence of Commissioner of Police Laurent, wrecking the house, fatally injuring an artillery officer, Maj. Papin, and seriously wounding half a dozen other persons.

When the machine was discovered Major Papin was summoned and was examining the package in which the machine was concealed when the explosion occurred. Papin's legs were blown off and he shortly afterwards succumbed. A policeman who also lost his legs by the explosion is in a precarious condition. Thousands of windows were shattered. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the outrage.

WILL NOT STRIKE

VOTE OF THE MINERS ANNOUNCED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 18.—The tellers who counted the vote of the miners on the acceptance or rejection of the scale of wages offered by the operators today announced the result as follows:

Total votes cast 165,887; for accepting the scale, 98,514; against the scale and in favor of a strike, 67,373. Majority against a strike, 31,361.

ASSESS STOCKHOLDERS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 18.—From the figures now in the possession of the receivers, an assessment of 100 per cent on the stockholders of the Hampden Trust Co., of Springfield, will probably be ordered. The bank's capital is $100,000 and as the liabilities amount to $1,000,000 and the probable assets to only $900,000 a full assessment cannot well be avoided. A dividend of either 25 or 33 1-3 per cent for the creditors will be declared next week.

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10c CIGARS
C. C. A. CIGAR CO., - - BOSTON

Sweet California Navel Oranges 19 FOR 25 Cts

Best Smoked Shoulders	9c lb.
Armour's Star Hams	16c lb.
Best Pure Lard	10c lb.
Choice Bacon (by the strip)	12c lb.

DRIED FRUITS

Best California Prunes, 2 lbs. 25c;	15c lb.
Extra California Prunes, 2½ lbs. 25c;	12c lb.
Choice California Prunes, 3 lbs. 25c;	10c lb.
Fine California Prunes, 4 lbs. 25c;	7c lb.
Silver Prunes	15c lb.
California Evaporated Peaches	12c lb.
California Evaporated Apricots	15c lb.
Best Evaporated Apples	14c lb.
Good Evaporated Apples	10c lb.
Cleaned Currants	3 lbs. 25c; 9c lb.
Best Muscatel Raisins	12c lb.
Choice Muscatel Raisins	10c lb.
Good Muscatel Raisins	8c lb.
Best Persian Dates	4 lbs. 25c; 7c lb.

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$6.50 BARREL, 85c BAG
The Best Flour Milled.

Houlton Green Mountain Potatoes 30c Peck $1.15 Bushel

Best Granulated Sugar	$4.80 per 100 lb. bag; 5c lb.
Pure Vermont Maple Syrup	Gal. can $1.00; ½ gal. can 50c

GOODS DELIVERED PROMPTLY TO ALL PARTS OF LOWELL

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223 Central Street - Tel. 679-3

ROGERS SUBMITS

He Will Produce the Papers

BOSTON, March 18—A private conference between counsel in the gas litigation and Judge Barker immediately followed the opening of the court today and pending the conclusion of the conference the outcome of yesterday's rather sensational proceedings in connection with the demand for certain books to be produced by H. H. Rogers, was not known. A subpoena demanding the books in order that contempt proceedings might be taken in case Mr. Rogers refused to produce the books was returnable at 9.30. Mr. Rogers was in court promptly on time but proceedings were delayed on account of the conference.

At the conclusion of the conference, which lasted an hour and a half, Attorney James M. Beck of New York, representing Mr. Rogers, stated to the court that in obedience to a subpoena Mr. Rogers was prepared to produce all papers and books which might be called for. Mr. Beck asked, however, in order that the material might be placed in a form admitting more readily of inspection that the court adjourn until Monday.

Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for Receiver George W. Pepper of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware, the plaintiff in the case, agreed to the suggestion, but it seemed to him that a more specific statement should be made as to what books and papers would be submitted. Walter Badger, an attorney representing Mr. Rogers and Thomas W. Lawson, said he would prepare a list of everything and send it to Mr. Whipple.

Mr. Whipple asked specifically for the letter book containing the correspondence from Mr. Rogers relative to the Bay State Gas company of New Jersey. The subject of these letters was before the court last night, when a demand was made that Mr. Rogers produce the book. Mr. Pepper's counsel desires to get hold of letters written to A. C. Burrage.

Court was adjourned until Monday.

COTTON MARKET

PRICE OF CONTRACTS TAKES A DROP.

NEW YORK, March 18.—In less than ten minutes after the opening of the cotton market, today, another half cent had been taken off the price of contracts. No morning of the season had witnessed a more demoralized market. Prices went up and down 10, 20 and 30 points in two and three minutes of time. May opened at 15.26, sold down to 14.75 in less than 15 minutes, while July opening at 15.22 went down to 14.86. Toward the end of the first half hour early sellers started to cover and there was a rapid advance. There was nothing in the news to account for the excitement, cables were rather better than expected and receipts ran a little smaller. It seemed merely a renewal of bear operations and the catching of further stop orders.

SECOR SENTENCED

CHARGED WITH MISAPPROPRIATING FUNDS.

NEW YORK, March 18—George A. Secor, for 20 years a cashier for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, was sentenced to two years and six months in state prison by Judge Newburger today for misappropriation of funds. Secor confessed that in 1899 he loaned some of the company's money to employes, who had lost it in stock speculation and who then borrowed more from Secor in an effort to retrieve their losses. The specific amount charged was $79, but all told Secor stole $10,166. A short time ago he fled to Mexico, but came back and voluntarily surrendered himself.

CUNARD LINE'S NEW SERVICE.

NEW YORK, March 18.—It was announced today that beginning with April 2, five of the Cunard line steamships plying between Boston and Mediterranean ports will call at Fiume, Hungary, for passengers and thereafter a fortnightly service will be observed. The vessels which will stop at Fiume are the Carpathia, Slavonia, Parmonia, Aurania and Ultonia. The rates have not yet been announced.

This announcement follows the subsidy of $100,000 granted some months ago by Austria-Hungary to the Cunard line and it is believed by steamship men that it will be followed by one of the most desperate steamship wars ever waged.

No big vessels have ever called regularly at Fiume before and by the terms of the subsidy, as announced today, Cunard liners must make 26 calls—in each direction—at this port yearly. In return for this the Hungarian authorities will personally see that immigrants ship on the Cunard line.

WEBB SENTENCED.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 18.—James M. Webb, who pleaded guilty to forgery and uttering forged checks on the principals of private schools in Waltham, Newton and this city, was sentenced this afternoon to from 7 to 10 years in state prison. Boston police inspectors told the court Webb was wanted in other cities for defrauding school principals, including Worcester and Northampton.

ENCOUNTERED MUCH ICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 18.—The captain of the steamer Barcelona which arrived here today from Hamburg, reports that he met much ice off the coast. The Barcelona landed 971 immigrants, mostly Austrians, before proceeding to New York, her destination.

DARTMOUTH MILL STRIKERS.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 18.—The Dartmouth mill strikers are to hold a meeting this afternoon to decide the question of continuing the strike or returning to work. The subject will be warmly discussed, as about one-half of the strikers are opposed to calling the strike off.

Miss Edith Maude McPherson, who was naturalized in the local police court two weeks ago, was one of the successful candidates in the recent civil service examination.

Get Rid of Scrofula

Bunches, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the bones, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes.

It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Eradicates it, cures all its manifestations, and builds up the whole system.

Accept no substitute.

TRADE CONDITIONS

REPORTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS CENTERS.

NEW YORK, March 18—Special trade advices from correspondents of the International mercantile agency throughout the United States chronicle interruptions and changes incidental to breaking from snowstorms into the semblance of spring weather and the usual season's increase of labor disturbances.

The latter, despite their seriousness, at New York are offset by conservative action of 190,000 soft coal miners who have decided to accept a reduction in wages.

The unusual accumulation of funds at New York, by which banks are strengthening against the day of Panama payments and possible need by banks at European centres, is due in part to checked demands for mercantile accommodation. In Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Louis, there is a slackening in demands from banks also. On the other hand, Boston banks report no such check. Except at Chicago, among these cities, railway shipping facilities have improved vastly since last week.

General trade is quiet. St. Louis makes the brightest returns with business well ahead of last year in dry goods and agricultural implements and swelling volumes of sales of clothing, drugs and groceries. The entry of the Penna. railroad as a buyer in the steel rail markets makes no lingering doubt that the steel and iron industries will take on renewed activity at an early day and that prices on some varieties will be still further advanced.

In the Canadian dominion congested traffic has been relieved by milder weather. There is considerable activity in the distribution of spring goods, particularly cottons, millinery and footwear. Building at larger Canadian centres promises to be quite active. The increase at Toronto will probably be 25 per cent. as compared with last year. The prospect is for heavy immigration.

WENT INSANE

ANIMAL TRAINER CREATED A SCENE.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 18—While in the cage with three lions yesterday afternoon, Alfred J. F. Perrins, an animal trainer, suddenly became insane. Soon after he entered the cage Perrins struck one of the lions a vicious blow and cried, "Why don't you bow to me? I am God's agent."

Perrins then left the cage, leaving the door open, and saying: "They will not come out, as God is looking after them."

He then stood on a box and called on the spectators to come up and be healed, saying he could restore sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, and heal any disease, by a gift just received from God.

The lions started to leave the cage and the spectators fled. The cage door was slammed to by a policeman, who arrested Perrins. Physicians pronounced Perrins hopelessly crazed on religion.

BOTH DEAD

MAN AND WOMAN ASPHYXIATED IN LODGING HOUSE.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 18—A man and woman who registered as "Jack Mack and wife" were found dead terday in a room in Hotel Europa, at 229 Water street, apparently victims of accidental asphyxiation by gas. The hotel is an Italian lodging house. Employes who smelled the gas escaping from the room notified the police who gained entrance by breaking down the door.

They found gas escaping from one of the four burners of a gas heater, the other three burners of which were lighted. After viewing the bodies the medical examiner ordered them turned over to an undertaker. They have not yet been identified.

STEAMER ELLIOTT

WILL PROBABLY BE A TOTAL LOSS.

NORTH SYDNEY C. B., March 18—The entire crew and all the sealers of the steamer Elliott, one of three vessels caught in the ice fields in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, have left the craft and now are on St. Paul's island.

The Elliott, which is in Atlantic Cove at the island, will probably be a total loss. The steamer is leaking to such an extent that the pumps cannot keep her clear. She was so badly damaged that the 115 men on board decided that it would be unsafe to remain by her longer.

St. Paul's island, which is 15 miles north of the Cape Breton coast, is inhabited and there is little fear that the men will be short of food.

The other steamers which were in the ice yesterday are not considered as being in danger. It is thought they are working their way safely out of the gulf.

MINISTER MISSING

FRIENDS ARE SEARCHING FOR HIM.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 18.—The absence of Rev. Joseph A. Bennett of Conestoga, Lancaster county, from the Philadelphia M. E. conference has resulted in a search being made for the missing man. Presiding Elder Rynett says Mr. Bennett left his home for this city last Friday but has not appeared in the conference. In 1902 the Rev. Mr. Bennett was stationed at Lansford. He mysteriously disappeared on his way to the conference at Columbia in 1903. The conference learned that he had been ill and no action was taken.

ONE LIFE LOST

VALUABLE PROPERTY ALSO WAS DESTROYED.

GENEVA, N. Y., March 18.—One life was lost and property valued at $25,000 was destroyed in a fire in the centre of the business district early today. Inez J. Bonnell, a music teacher, who lodged on the second floor of the burned building, was overcome by smoke in her apartments and suffocated.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Cotton futures opened weak. April, 15.05; May, 15.25; June, 15.19; July, 15.22; Aug., 14.65; Sept., 13.11; Oct., 12.26; Nov., 12.00; Dec., 12.01.

ARMY OF POTOMAC.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The thirty-fifth annual reunion of the society of the army of the Potomac will be held in conjunction with the meeting of the department of Connecticut, G. A. R., at Hartford, Conn., on May 18 and 19. Gen. N. M. Curtis will be the orator.

EMERGENCY CALL

Reason For Sale of Shares

INSOLVENT ESTATE HAD TO SELL

The Boott Mill Stock was Discussed

Because a few shares, five in all, of Boott cotton mill stock sold in the auction market in Boston this week at $250 or 25 per cent. of the par value of the stock, the report that the Boott mill was badly off winged its way through State street and appeared in morning papers, today.

The shares sold yesterday or the day before consisted of five shares of Boott and twenty-two shares of Merrimack, which were thrown on the auction market by a local insolvent estate.

The price at which the stock sold, as it appeared in the morning papers, $250 a share, was correct, but according to the version of brokers and bankers the sale at that price is not by any means a fair test of the value of Boott cotton mill stock.

"An emergency call," was what a Boott stockholder termed it, in conversation with a Sun reporter today. "The shares," he said, "were owned by an estate that recently went into insolvency and that estate agreed to pay its creditors 25 cents on the dollar.

"The payment was to be made today and that is why the estate was obliged to have its shares cashed and the price obtained does not represent the stock market value of Boott cotton mill stock."

The Sun reporter talked with a prominent banker and in reply to the reporter's questions the banker said that more money could have been borrowed on the shares that were sold yesterday, in any bank, than was realized in the auction market.

The Boott mills in January resumed payment of dividends and paid two per cent. The Merrimack, last December, paid its usual dividend of three per cent.

The statement which appeared in the morning papers hinted at the consolidation of the Boott, Merrimack and Massachusetts mills. "That report is about five years old," said a mill man today, "and it is my honest impression that it will come some day, and it would not surprise me that if within five years a consolidation of all the cotton mills in Lowell would take place. I know that the advisability of such a move is being considered."

ANTI-JESUIT LAW

CHANCELLOR VON BUELOW FAVORS ITS REPEAL.

BERLIN, March 18—In the lower house of the Prussian diet today, Chancellor Von Buelow replied to the criticisms of those objecting to the repeal of the anti-Jesuit law and to the charges that his action in the matter was taken in order to obtain the support of the center party.

The chancellor warmly repudiated the assertion that his policy had been influenced by the center party. He believed he had plenty of supporters, but even if he stood alone, he would not allow himself to be turned away from a course which he considered correct. The past votes of the reichstag on this subject better reflected the opinion of the German people than the present attitude of the national liberals.

There was no question of dependence upon the center party, but why not be accommodating to their Catholic fellow citizens when it was possible to do so without injury to the interests of the state or the Protestant church? He had no intention of exceeding that limit.

REAL ESTATE SALES

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 18, 1904.

Hiram Whitney to Alex A. Wahestrom, the Newton estate, Marlborough street, $300.

Locks & Canals to Justine Lavallee, land on Lakeview avenue, $1.

Charles R. and Mary J. Preston to John Meehan, land with buildings on Cosgrove street, $1.

Mira F. Blake to Louise Denault, land with buildings on Durant street, $1.

Charlotte C. Wright to Samuel Greenough, land with buildings on Weeds court.

Samuel Greenough to N. C. Webster, land with buildings on Weeds court, $1.

Thomas J. Enright to Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, land with buildings on Adams street, $1.

Lizzie J. Stolth to Nelson H. B. Wardwell, land on Cambridge street, $1.

BILLERICA.

Edwin Piper to Frederick A. Higgins, land at Pinehurst annex, $1.

CARLISLE.

Sarah M. Duren et al. to James and Florence Anthony, lot of land, $1.

WESTFORD.

Emma F. Mawazan to Nancy S. Carkin, land with buildings, $1.

DRACUT.

E. W. Lovejoy, trustee, to Wm. S. Raney, land at Elsmere, $1.

Thomas Lahiff to Owen McGarry, land on Preston street, $1.

CHELMSFORD.

Francis Day to Mary and Grace Lhussel, land with buildings near Centre, $1.

Percy Parker to town of Chelmsford, lot of land, $1.

DEATHS

COCHRANE—Mrs. Theresa, wife of Frank G. Cochrane, died at her home at Nashua at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning after two years lingering illness of consumption, aged 32 years. Mrs. Cochrane was born in this city and went to Nashua to live about 15 years ago. She was married in this city 11 years ago to Mr. Cochrane. She was a member of the Sons and Daughters of Maine circle and of the Crown Hill Baptist church at Nashua, where she was active in the Sunday school home department.

KENNEDY—Matthew Kennedy, aged 65 years, died yesterday at his home in Dracut Centre. He leaves a wife and two sons, one of whom resides in Haverhill.

HAYES—Bridget Agnes Hayes, aged 1 year and 3 months, died yesterday morning at the children's home in Kirk street. She was the child of Eugene and Annie Hayes. The body was removed to Davey's undertaking rooms in Market street.

KELLEY—Katherine A. Kelley, the thirteen year old daughter of John and Katherine Kelley, died last night at 8.45 o'clock at the home of her parents, 70 Union street. The deceased had been ill for four weeks, but despite the fact that all possible in the way of medical skill was brought to bear she gradually grew weaker until the end came last evening. During her illness she was quiet and bore her sufferings with true Christian fortitude.

She was a very bright little girl, being an attendant at the Edson school, and well up in her studies, as well as a general favorite at the school. Her presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her for she enjoyed a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She leaves to mourn her loss a father, a mother, two brothers, Harry and William, and two sisters, Mamie and Jennie.

FIREMEN'S MUSTER.

BRISTOL, R. I., March 18—The King Philip Veteran Firemen of Bristol will hold a firemens muster here on Memorial day, companies from Massachusetts and Connecticut as well as from this state having been invited to compete.

$25,000 BLAZE.

NORWTON, Conn., March 18.—Fire destroyed the gardener's house and the stable on the premises of Albert Renshaw today, the loss being $25,000. There is partial insurance. Mr. Renshaw's valuable horses were saved but his carriages were lost.

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SECRETARY TAFT

Heard on Panama Canal Matters

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Secretary Taft was heard by the house committee on interstate foreign commerce today on the subject of constructing the Panama canal. The secretary favored the pending Lovering bill for the government of the canal zone. This bill, he said, was drawn by Admiral Walker and contained as many legislative provisions as were necessary at the present time.

Questioned regarding his views as to the proper methods of expending the money for the construction of the canal, he said, the president primarily was responsible for this large sum of money, but that the gigantic proportions of the work and the duties of the president otherwise made it, of course, impossible for him to give the matter his personal attention. In the commission the president undoubtedly had made the proper delegation of his authority on this subject. If there was any question as to this, the secretary said that contracts in excess of $2,000,000 for instance, might be referred for review to the secretary of war or some other member of the president's cabinet or other person whom the president might designate. The engineering features of the work would make the secretary of war the most available and best equipped official for this work.

In answer to a question by Chairman Hepburn as to whether a requirement should be made that each member of the commission should reside on the canal strip, Secretary Taft smilingly replied that from his own experience of life in the tropics, he knew that such life could be made very pleasant.

"With the amount of money which the canal commission will have at hand, I should imagine they would be able to make life quite attractive on the canal zone," he added.

POPE GRIEVED

AT ACTION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

ROME, March 18.—The pope in receiving the members of the sacred college today, who called to offer the pontiff their greetings on his name day, the feast of St. Joseph, which occurs tomorrow, made a speech, during which he strongly lamented the fact that the French government did not consider his recommendations on the subject, but continued to persecute the clergy and religious orders with increasing violence and was now citing before the law courts, bishops who did their duty in calling the attention of the country to the injustice from which the clergy and members of their religious orders were suffering.

Clearance sale at Cooper's, 320 Merrimack street.

OFFIELD OBJECTS

WILL NOT GIVE UP HIS STOCK.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 18.—Proceedings in the suit brought by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad Co. to compel C. K. Offield of Chicago, the owner of two shares in the old New Haven and Derby railroad, to sell his stock to the plaintiff company, were held today in chambers before Judge Gager of the superior court. The matter came up on a motion by counsel for Mr. Offield, that the case be transferred from the superior court to the United States circuit court. Counsel for the railroad opposed the motion on the ground that the case involves only $300 or less. Judge Gager will give a decision later.

In this action the railroad aims to complete its merger of the New Haven and Derby road which it acquired by a 99 year lease 12 years ago. All the stock of the leased road is now in the possession of the New York, New Haven & Hartford except the two shares held by Mr. Offield, who has refused to sell. Under a Connecticut statute a railroad company having three-fourths of the capital stock of another railroad may bring condemnatory proceedings to secure the remainder. The suit is the first one ever brought under the statute; and it is that the constitutionality of the law will be called into question.

RECEIVER NAMED

IN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MAURICE RUNKLE.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A receiver has been appointed in supplementary bankruptcy proceedings brought against Maurice Runkle, who for many years was a government contractor and was involved in the postoffice investigation. The company of which Runkle was president, made a specialty of mail pouches and khaki uniforms for the United States government and clothing for the Indians. It formerly carried on an extensive business but recently many judgments were entered. The amount involved is not known. Runkle was jointly indicted in Washington with August W. Machen and Thomas W. McGregor. He surrendered in August and was released on $5000 bail. The indictment charged him with conspiring with the others named to defraud the United States in connection with supplies and equipment for the free delivery service.

PRESIDENT ANDREWS ILL.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 18.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the Nebraska University, who but recently was 18 leave a Chicago hospital to return to Lincoln has been taken to a sanitarium. Dr. Andrews was far from well on reaching home and has not since improved. Physicians say his ailment, a severe attack of grip, is not alarming, but his stay at the sanitarium will be indefinite.

EMPEROR AT GIBRALTAR.

GIBRALTAR, March 18—The North German steamer Koenig Albert, with Emperor William of Germany on board and under convoy of the cruiser Prinz Carl, arrived here today. All on board are well. The British squadron stationed here saluted the German ship and Gen. Sir George Stewart White, the governor of Gibraltar, boarded the Koenig Albert and welcomed his majesty.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Noon.—Money on call easy at 1 3-4 per cent; prime mercantile paper 4 1-2 a 5 1-4 per cent.

Exchanges, $188,095,000; balances, $7,121,887.

Christopher F. Kelly, a boy of 10 years, attracted much attention in Thursday's parade. He rode a pony and was on the staff of division 8, A. O. H.

FUNERALS

WALTON—The funeral of Calvin D. Walton was held yesterday afternoon from his residence, 79 Midland street. Rev. C. E. Fisher was the officiating clergyman and there was singing by Mrs. Roberts and Miss Edna Sawtelle. Lowell lodge of Odd Fellows performed their services at the grave and they also acted as bearers. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, in charge of Undertakers Young & Co.

PERRON—The funeral of Mrs. Minnie F. Perron took place yesterday afternoon from 28 Barclay street and was largely attended. Rev. S. T. Ford was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were Samuel Perron, Nelson Belanger, Leroy Barclay and Harry Barclay. Burial was in the Edson cemetery in charge of Undertakers Young & Co.

REED—The funeral of Baxter C. Reed was held yesterday afternoon from 162 Warwick street, Rev. Mr. Wedge performed the services at the grave and the bearers were R. M. Graham, F. A. Vaughn, S. J. Thorpe and William Collins. Burial was in the Edson cemetery in charge of Undertaker Weinbeck.

READY—The body of Mrs. Mary Ready was buried in the Catholic cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the home of Mrs. Bernard Ready, daughter of deceased, 585 Broadway street, and was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings, among them being a large pillow inscribed "Mother," from children of deceased; large standing cross on base inscribed "Grandma," from the Ready and Brady children; pillow inscribed "Not Forgotten," from John W. Grady, Jr.; large ivy wreath, from Miss Nelson; basket of cut flowers, from Mr. and Mrs. McHale; basket of cut flowers, from Miss Annie Sullivan. The bearers were Martin McHale, Peter Brady, William Nelson, Michael Grady, John Keefe and James Young. At the grave, Rev. John McHugh of St. Patrick's church read the committal prayers and Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons were in charge.

HAMES—The funeral of Thomas Hames, the one year old child of Frank and Maria, took place this afternoon from the home of his parents, 63 Andrews street. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, and was under the direction of Undertakers J. J. O'Connell & Co.

KELLEY—The remains of the late John Kelley were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral which was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased took place from his late home, 74 Andover street, and proceeded to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Lawrence J. Tighe, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mr. P. P. Haggerty sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate solos were rendered by the members of the choir.

The bearers were Messrs. Hugh Molloy, Martin McAndrews, John Billingsley and Thomas Farley. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Tighe, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy.

REQUIEM MASS CELEBRATED.

A high mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Mary Ready was sung at St. Patrick's church this morning at eight o'clock, the celebrant of the mass being Rev. James A. Walsh. During the service there was appropriate singing by the choir which sang the "De Profundis." Among the solos sung during the mass were "Nearer, My God, To Thee" and "Dies Irae," by Miss Ethel Ranger.

The funeral of Mrs. Ready took place yesterday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Fagan of Woonsocket, R. I., is visiting the Misses Fox of Eddy street.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases at Goodale's drug store, 217 Central street, Lowell. Price 50c and $1. Trial bottles free.

The Clergy Like It.—Here are a few names of clergymen of different creeds who are firm believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to "live up to the preaching" in all it claims: Bishop Sweetman, Rev. Dr. Langtry (Episcopalian); Rev. Dr. Withrow and Rev. Dr. Chambers (Methodist), and Dr. Newman, all of Toronto, Canada. Copies of their personal letters for the asking. Sold by Lillingwood & Co. and Falls & Burkinshaw.—4.

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FOR NAMES FROM THE ELIGIBLE LIST

"Billy" Gallagher Looms up Strongly

Secretary Courtney for the overseers of the poor today made requisition upon the civil service commissioners for three names from the general list to fill the position in the office of the secretary of the overseers of the poor, left vacant by the death of James Walsh.

The three names at the head of the list are Messrs. Drew, Johnson and Watson, while the fourth name is that of William H. Gallagher, the insurance agent and former well known ball player. It is understood that one of the three at the top of the list would not accept the position if it were tendered him and will ask the commissioners not to consider his name when sending in a list of names. Thus with one out, Mr. Gallagher becomes the third man on the list and hence is in the running. Mr. Gallagher is the best known of the eligible candidates and he has many friends hustling for him.

The new appointee whoever he may be will not get the same amount of money that Mr. Walsh received upon entering the office, Mr. Walsh receiving $1200 per year. He will be started at smaller wages and will have an opportunity of working himself up. It will take a new man some time to become really useful in the office, as there is much to be done and much to be learned. The pauper office in this city does more work than any other in the state, excepting Boston, and has the smallest working force. Secretary Courtney has only two clerks, while the secretary of the Worcester and Fall River boards have each five clerks. This city has no inspector of visitors in the department, whose duties are to go among the poor investigating cases and seeing if those relieved by the department are getting what the department pays for. The pauper office is one of the busiest at city hall.

All the leading names on eligible list under general list this year take their rank from the examination just passed a few days ago, there being no holdovers. But in the case of the limited list there are many holdovers. The four leading males on the limited list are Joseph F. Meehan, who is a holdover, Henry McCue, Francis J. Sullivan and Alfred French.

MASKED MEN

WRECKED GREAT STEEL FRAMEWORK.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18—Sixteen masked men, heavily armed, have overpowered the watchman at the plant of the Proctor and Gamble Soap Co., now in course of construction in West Armourdale, and wrecked the steel framework in the first story of the oil refinery building.

The loss to the steel construction company doing the work is $3,000. It is supposed that the damage was done by structural iron workers who have declared a strike against the contracting company. Work on the plant will be delayed two months.

DELEGATE KERBIN

HE HAS BEEN BOYCOTTED BY NEGROES.

SNOW HILL, Md., March 18—Delegate William G. Kerbin of Worcester county, who had been pushing the "Jim Crow" bill in the state legislature, has been boycotted by negroes.

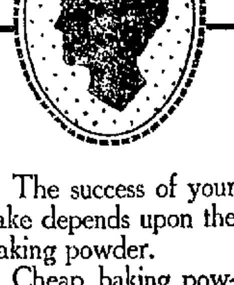
Kerbin boards at a hotel here. When he returned from Annapolis and entered the dining room he was informed that the colored cook had refused to prepare any meal for him. Hungry and angry, he traveled to Baltimore before obtaining food.

His colored laundress has also joined the movement.

MILLINERY OPENING.

Miss Lena Lalumiere, the well known milliner, in old City Hall block, had her annual opening of spring millinery at her parlors yesterday, showing a display of all the latest styles and effects in ladies' headgear, and everything pertaining to the milliner's art. The exhibition was largely attended and everybody was well pleased with the display. It will continue today and tomorrow and the ladies are specially invited to look over the display.

Clarence Craig, formerly a student of the Lowell Textile school, now a designer in a Fitchburg mill, has been in Lowell on a leave of absence. Mr. Craig recently sustained a dislocation of the shoulder.



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RUSSIAN-JAPANESE WAR

(Continued.)

RUSSIAN FLEET AT PORT ARTHUR

WASHINGTON, March 18—A cablegram received at the Japanese legation last night from the Japanese consul at Shanghai says that the captain of a Norwegian vessel which has arrived there from Port Arthur reports that the Russian fleet left Port Arthur on the morning of March 12, but returned the same evening.

MILITARY ROAD BEING CONSTRUCTED

SEOUL, March 18.—6.30 p.m.—Five thousand engineers are now employed in building the military railroad from Seoul to Wiju. Only a few miles have been completed. Civilians are working on the railroad from Seoul to Fusan. This road cannot be completed before next October.

OPPOSING FORCES NEAR AT HAND

LONDON, March 18—A correspondent of the Times at Tokio says that the Russians and Japanese scouts are now separated only by the river Cheng Cheng, just north of Anju. The despatch adds that the foreign correspondents will leave for the front on March 20 or March 23, but their destination is still unknown. A correspondent of the Times at Wei Hai Wei cabling under yesterday's date, says:

"I arrived at Hing Yang inlet March 15 and proceeded to Chinampo. Navigation was difficult owing to the drift ice. I found anchored there both war vessels and transports. Disembarkation has been difficult, but the Japanese have brought all necessary appliances. Pontoon jetties have been built and extend for hundreds of yards, and the transports brought their own landing barges."

The correspondent describes the landing movements and the disposal of the forces with some detail and says:

"Despite the terrible weather the infantry marched 25 miles daily, each man carrying nearly 100 pounds. It was a severe test, but they did well. Covered by this force a larger force is now disembarking within easier distance of the Japanese objective, while preparations are reported to be proceeding at the only practicable port on the east coast of Korea. The Japanese are now holding Anju and the line of the Cheng Cheng river. The actual land front points to a further retirement of the Russian forces.

"Despite the command of the sea the Japanese omit no precaution. It would be unfair to the Japanese to give the numbers and destination of their forces, but landings were made long enough to permit a general reference to them without prejudice to the operations. The weather generally is improving."

RUSSIANS RETREAT ACROSS YALU RIVER

LONDON, March 18—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, who has just visited Chinampu, Korea, says:

"On the way to Chemulpo we passed a constant succession of Japanese transports. Three thousand Japanese landed at Chemulpo at the end of last week."

The correspondent adds that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu river before the advance of the Japanese outpost, and that their forces in this district number 20,000.

The Daily Mail's Wei Hai Wei correspondent learns that Viscount Aoke, formerly Japanese minister to Germany, is going to Seoul to establish practically a Japanese administration for Korea.

Under date of March 17 the Chefoo correspondent of the Standard reports that provision trains are arriving hourly at Port Arthur, the railway being intact.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent cabling March 17 asserts that the Russian fleet has returned to Port Arthur. If this is correct, the correspondent adds, it is evident from Rear Admiral Baron Von Staikelberg's report that the Russian cruisers which left Vladivostok returned to that port without an attempt having been made to unite the fleets or if any attempt was made it was unsuccessful.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald cabling under yesterday's date, asserts that a portion of the Russian fleet made several cruises within a radius of 50 miles of Port Arthur without finding any trace of the enemy.

The foregoing dispatches are the only additional items of news appearing in the London newspapers this morning with the exception of vague rumors of the alleged movements of the opposing forces in the vicinity of the Yalu river.

It is stated that the Russians are again negotiating for the purchase of Walsh coal and it is reported from Nanburg that Russia is trying to place contracts with German shipyards for several new torpedo boat destroyers to be delivered this year.

According to a dispatch from Antwerp to the Daily Telegraph Russia has acquired 20 large Antwerp transport steamers and insured each of them for $250,000.

BIG HANDICAP TO THE JAPANESE

PARIS, March 18.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris has interviewed General Dragomiroff, ex-governor general of Kieff, and late a member of the council of state, who, while making reservations, owing to his personal ignorance of the localities in the theatre of war, gave the following conclusions at which he had arrived:

"The Japanese will be much hampered by the necessity of making an invasion by sea. Sea crossings are always disastrous to cavalry which is notoriously the weak point of the Japanese troops. Moreover, the Japanese will need in Korea conveyances drawn by horses to which they have been unaccustomed. The Japanese will not be able to depart far from the Korean coast as they must remain near their ships."

The general added that the Russians must watch the Yalu river, which is liable to sudden floods and which it would be useless to cross if they could not return. It is essential, he said, to have a strong bridge fortified on the side where the Japanese are.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL PREDICTS LONG WAR

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—12.01 p.m.—Admiral Stackelberg, who on account of illness turned over the command of the Vladivostok squadron to Captain Reitzenstein, has arrived in St. Petersburg. He gives an entirely different version of some of the reports, emanating from Japanese sources, regarding the events before he left. The cruise of his squadron, February 9 to 15, in the Japanese waters was made by orders of Admiral Stark for its effect upon the population of northern Japan. Admiral Stackelberg denies that he fired upon Japanese merchant men in Sangar straits. He says the ships were captured and that while attempting to convoy them to port a terrific blizzard sprang up and not wishing to endanger the Russian cruisers, after taking off the crews and passengers from the merchant men, one of the latter loaded with contraband rice, was sunk. The other, which was a worthless tramp steamer, was released to carry to the Japanese the story of the presence of the Russian warships in those waters for moral effect. There never was any bombardment of Hakodate, which is heavily fortified.

The admiral adds that he cannot understand how much a stupid story was credited. He expresses the opinion that the war will be of long duration, judging from the extensive preparations made by the Japanese which were expected even earlier than in came.

JAPAN IS ALIVE TO THE DANGER

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The Gazette expresses the hope that the Anglo-French understanding will result in a more friendly attitude on the part of Great Britain toward Russia. A diplomatist representing a small European power expresses the hope that China will join Japan on the theory that all the white powers, including the United States, will then be compelled to form a coalition and stop the war, which would ruin the trade for the whole world with China. But he fears Japan realizes the danger and will decline China's aid.

The Red Cross society is considering a proposition to fit out an automobile train to convey the wounded over the high road 350 miles from Mukden, Manchuria, to Blagovetchensk, east Siberia, on the river Amur, where they would be placed on board barges for conveyance to hospitals established along the river.

An expert in the military organ says that even presuming there are four divisions of Japanese at Ping Yang, Korea, they could not venture to advance till reinforced by two more divisions which would require another month or six weeks. The writer contends that they could not advance more than seven miles a day, owing to the condition of the roads, compares Ping Yang with Plevena and says the great drawback to the town is that it is surrounded by marshes which will breed insects and malaria when the warm weather comes. A correspondent of the Associated Press on crossing Lake Baikal writes:

"The stories of soldiers frozen to death while crossing the lake provoke mirth. Personally, I am convinced that the men are not suffering from the cold. Huts at intervals of a few versts provide warmth and refreshments and the weaker men are driven across in sleighs well wrapped up in furs. Others march the distance, 40 versts (about 26 miles) comfortably in a day and are glad of the opportunity to stretch their limbs after the railroad journey. The huts are provided with bells which are rung during snowstorms and lanterns hung on the high poles, show the way at night, the ice railroad conveying the baggage in cars which are drawn by horses.

"The ice breakers are getting ready to begin operations at the end of March."

JAPANESE REPORTS ARE QUESTIONED

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18—The war experts here are questioning the truth of the Japanese official reports, asking, for instance, how the torpedo boats of Vice Admiral Togo could lay mines weighing 400 pounds in the heavy sea which Admiral Togo admits was running, even if the boats had room for them aboard; how fire could break out on the Russian torpedo boats, which carry nothing inflammable, and how a Japanese torpedo boat preserves its full fighting capacity if a steam pipe on board burst and the Russian boats got away.

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PLEASANT WHIST PARTY

FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH.

A well attended whist party was held at C. M. A. C. hall in Pawtucket street last night, the proceeds of the affair to go to the new St. Louis church. Whist was enjoyed until ten o'clock, and while the points were being counted a fine musical program was carried out. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, Miss Bertha Roussel; song, Miss Lillian Shunny, accompanied by Miss Frances Hickey; reading, "Souvenir," Miss Nelida Cote; violin solo, Master Albini Folsy, accompanied by Miss Ida Mongrain; piano solo, Miss Roussel; song, Miss Alice Pratte, accompanied by Miss Roussel.

The prize winners at whist were as follows: First, silver tray, Mr. Donat Bellemare; 2d, two art vases, Mr. Joseph Lucier; 3d, silver napkin ring, Mr. John Primeau; 4th, silver bonbon dish, Miss Emma Nichols; 5th, rose jar, Mrs. Wilfred Cadorette; 6th, armlets, Mr. Simeon Lagasse; boobies, Miss May Collins and Miss Lillian Shunny.

A beautiful wedding cake was awarded in a guessing contest, and Rev. Fr. Lacroix won the prize.

APPOINTED MILL AGENT.

CHICOPEE, Mass., March 18—Hartley L. Lord has been appointed agent of the Chicopee cotton mills. He was formerly employed by the York corporation of Saco, Me.

Built Me Right Up

Lowell Truckman Gave Vital Force an Honest Test.

Mr. E. H. Ames, one of the trusted employes of the Conway Transfer company, Lowell, Mass., says:

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Dr. Bartlett's Current of Life Tablets guaranteed cure for constipation, rush of blood, dizziness, liver ills, sallow complexion, pimples, blotches, etc. (A mild laxative.) 25 cents a box.

JAIL SENTENCE

Will Not be Imposed by Court

While diphtheria holds the fort at the Lowell jail Judge Hadley will not impose any common jail sentences.

In police court today Thomas and Margaret Hennessey were charged with drunkenness and the larceny of $5 from George Carpenter. In the natural course of events they would have been sentenced to the common jail for larceny, but owing to the presence of diphtheria in the stone house on the hill Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey were sentenced to the workhouse for drunkenness and the charge of larceny was placed on file.

FOUR CASES AT PRESENT.

The health department has taken 90 cultures from the persons at the Lowell jail who were in there before the case of diphtheria was discovered and of the 90 only four developed diphtheria, the other 86 being healthy throats.

The four persons affected with the disease have been isolated in an improvised contagious disease hospital while their cells have been thoroughly cleaned out and fumigated.

Window shades, with pulls, 25c., at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

CURIOUS MISTAKE

WAS MADE BY LORD MINTO OF CANADA.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 18—A curious mistake has been made by Lord Minto, governor general of Canada, in a communication recently forwarded to King Edward.

In a report of the executive committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund association, signed by Lord Minto as president and Lieut. Col. Irwin as secretary, regret is expressed because of the "death of his honor A. R. McClellan, late lieutenant governor of New Brunswick, who was vice president of the association."

The former lieutenant governor is in excellent health and it is not clear how the report of his death originated in vice regal circles.

Rev. John Norberry, formerly pastor of the Wesley church in Lowell, who was recently voted out of his church in North Attleboro, has been elected to preach in the Pentecostal church of Malden as the successor of Rev. A. E. Filkin.

DISFIGURED WITH ECZEMA

Under Physicians Five Months. Went from Bad to Worse.

CURED BY CUTICURA

Wonderful Change in One Night. In a Month Face Was Clean as Ever.

"I was troubled with eczema on the face for five months during which time I was in the care of physicians. My face was in such a condition that I could not go out. It was going from bad to worse and I gave up all hope, when a friend of mine highly recommended Cuticura Remedies. The first night after I washed my face with Cuticura Soap and used Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent it changed wonderfully, and continuing the treatment it removed all scales and scabs. From that day I was able to go out, and in a month my face was as clean as ever." THOMAS J. SOTH, 317 Stagg St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The above letter was received in 1898 and he again writes us Feb. 19, 1903, "I have not been troubled with eczema since."

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin as in eczema; the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of scalp, as in scalled head; the facial disfigurement, as in pimples and ringworm; the awful suffering of infants, and anxiety of worn-out parents, as in milk crust, tetter and salt rheum—all demand a remedy of almost superhuman virtues to successfully cope with them. That Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent are such stands proven beyond all doubt. No statement is made regarding them that is not justified by the strongest evidence. The purity and sweetness, the power to afford immediate relief, the certainty of speedy and permanent cure, the absolute safety and great economy have made them the standard skin cures of the civilized world.

Sold throughout the world. Cuticura Resolvent, 50c. (in form of Chocolate Coated Pills, 25c. per vial of 60), Ointment, 50c., Soap, 25c. Depots: London, 27 Charterhouse Sq.; Paris, 5 Rue de la Paix; Boston, 137 Columbus Ave. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Proprietors.

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PETERS RECOVERED

HAS ONE BULLET IN HIS BRAIN.

NEW YORK, March 18.—John M. Peters, son of a Brooklyn manufacturer, who was found near his father's factory last November with two bullet wounds in his head, has been discharged from the hospital in better health than ever, but with one of the bullets still in his brain. The doctors succeeded in removing the other. His case attracted much interest among surgeons who fully expected his death.

Peters, when found after the shooting, said he discovered thieves in the factory and was wounded by them. Later he admitted having attempted suicide because of epileptic attacks. These have not recurred since he shot himself.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The National Anti-Tuberculosis association has been incorporated in Springfield to prevent tuberculosis by legislation and education. According to the incorporators the association is purely philanthropic.

"We intend to start a systematic campaign against the criminal carelessness in regard to the spreading of the disease," said Dr. Walter B. Metcalf, one of the incorporators. "Consumption is contagious and especially among the poorer classes this is not recognized.

"I am preparing a list of the physicians and business men back of this movement and instructive pamphlets will be issued. A subscription will be taken and a free clinic for the treatment of the poor established."

Dr. J. C. Irish was one of the speakers at the annual banquet of the Manchester Academy of Medicine at Manchester, N. H., Wednesday night.

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Ralph W. E. Milliken of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Minnie A. Milliken wife of said Ralph W. E. Milliken, in her right, to the Andover Savings bank, dated July second, 1900, and recorded with Middlesex (North Dist.) Registry of Deeds, libro 324, folio 321, will be sold at public auction, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, on Monday, the eleventh day of April, 1904, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises hereinafter described, two certain parcels of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Lowell, in said county and commonwealth, on the westerly side of Rea street, and being lots numbered twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Lowell and Tewksbury, Mass., belonging to Shepard, Russell and Fuller, surveyed March, 1891, M. B. Smith, C. E.," which plan is recorded in Middlesex North Dist. Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 8, Plan 7, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly line of said Rea street, at the northeasterly corner of the premises, and at lot No. 22 on said plan, thence running westerly by said lot No. 22 one hundred thirty-five and 79-100 (135.79) feet, more or less, to lot No. 10 on said plan; thence southerly by lots No. 10 and 11 one hundred and 33-100 (100.33) feet, more or less, to lot No. 19 on said plan; thence easterly by said lot No. 19 one hundred forty-three and 98-100 (143.98) feet, more or less, to said Rea street; thence northerly by said Rea street one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 13,988.25 square feet, more or less. Also two (2) other lots of land situated in said Lowell, on the easterly side of Berkeley avenue, being lots No. 74 and 75 on said plan, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly line of said Berkeley avenue, at the northwesterly corner of the premises, at lot No. 73 on said plan, thence running easterly by said lot No. 73 ninety-eight and 72-100 (98.72) feet, more or less, to land of one Besse; thence southerly by said Besse land one hundred and 4-100 (100.04) feet to lot No. 76 on said plan; thence westerly by said lot No. 76 one hundred one and 20-100 (101.20) feet, more or less, to said Berkeley avenue; thence northerly by said Berkeley avenue one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 9996 square feet, more or less. Being a part of the premises conveyed to said Milliken by Henry C. Fuller, by deed dated February 2, 1899, and recorded with Middlesex North Dist. Deeds, Lib. 301, Fol. 156.

Terms, $200 down; further conditions at sale.

ANDOVER SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee,

By Frederick S. Boutwell, Treasurer.
March 18, 1904.

FUNERAL NOTICES

FUNERAL NOTICE—The funeral of Patrick J. Murray will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 from his late residence, 267 Thorndike street.

TO LET

TO LET—A restaurant. Branch street, corner of Nichols street.

IF YOU are thinking of moving this spring come and see what we can offer you in a tidy, comfortable tenement for small money; if you want an extra healthful home of from three to five rooms where you will have quiet, self-respecting neighbors, call and see us. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—Flat of six rooms, bath and pantry, hot water. Inquire in the afternoon between 2 and 4 at 470 Rogers street.

TO LET—Two two-room tenements. Inquire 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Best located room in city for one or two; modern conveniences. Also smaller room, reasonable. No. 271 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

TO RENT—A lovely four room tenement, good location, $8. G. P. Walker, 961 Middlesex street.

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POULTRYMEN—To make hens lay feed green cut bone; nothing like it; cut fresh daily. Adams Supply Co., 40 Middlesex street, room 18, Lowell.

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PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 313 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

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MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinfers, room 9, Barristers hall.

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE—To give stamp collectors a chance to fill their books quickly we will give double stamps all this week. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Everywhere, people to copy letters at home, during spare time and return to us; materials sent free; no mailing or canvassing, $9 weekly earned; enclose self-addressed envelope for particulars. Guarantee Co., No. 373 Ninth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—A woman to do light housework and take care of child. Apply at 10 Reed street evenings.

ANY intelligent person may earn $50 to $100 monthly corresponding for newspapers; $5 a column for work in spare time; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

OUR MEN make $3 to $10 a day fitting glasses; our 24-page Free Eye Book tells all about it; write Jacksonian Optical College, College Place, Jackson, Mich.

WANTED—Twister for a Worcester mill for cotton and wool warp, fine yarn; one who can draw in; only experienced man need apply; good wages. P. L. McBride, 70 Rolfe street.

WANTED—A clean, honest man first as salesman then as manager; references required. D. Appleton & Co., New York. See Mr. Chesley, 10 to 12 a. m. Saturday, at 52 Middlesex street, Lowell.

WANTED—All round cook; call evenings. Beaver Brook hotel, Collinsville.

WOMEN to sew at home, $9 per week; materials sent everywhere free, steady work, plain sewing only; send addressed envelope for full particulars. S. D. N., Du Pont, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Young man to learn tea business; make $9 to $10 a week. Apply Herrick Tea Co., 810 Central street.

WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper and cashier at the Bell Shoe & Clothing Co.

WANTED—Three good insurance solicitors. Apply between 5 and 6, room 4, Grosvenor building.

WANTED—Coat maker at once, permanent job. 473 Merrimack street. A. Carna.

LADIES—That embroider, crochet or knit can earn $12 weekly working for us at home; addressed envelope for free sample of work and designs. Mexican Co., 132 Nassau street, N. Y.

WANTED—Experienced coat and pants makers. Raymond & Snyder, 233 Middlesex street.

LADIES can have permanent income assured by pleasant, respectable effort. For full particulars send two-cent stamp to Swan Mason & Co., Arlington, Mass.

$12 WEEKLY; home work two hours daily; no outfit to buy; send addressed envelope for instructions. Nassau Supply Co., 150 Nassau St., New York.

HOME WORK—$9 weekly during spare time; no canvassing, experience or money needed; enclose stamp for outfit, instructions, etc. Address Universal Co., 325 W. 23d street, New York.

WANTED—Young man 16 to 18 years to learn light manufacturing business. Box 807.

MISCELLANEOUS

MME. KATHERINE—Palmist engagements made for social functions; call mornings. 188 Appleton street.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance medium and card reader.

TRADING STAMPS—We are giving 80 with one pound of our 60c tea; 60 with our 50c tea; 50 with our 35c coffee; stamps given with all goods except sugar; this is the way we share our profits with our customers and hundreds tell us we have the best tea and coffee in the city; the Boston street car passes the door. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis square.

GENUINE GLORIA has printed cap and label on each bottle; look out for freak imitators; we are sole agents for Gloria. Boyle Bros. Telephone.

STORAGE—First class storage room for furniture; private rooms from $2 to $4 a month, according to size, at 256 Hildreth street. Call there or at 597 Merrimack street.

LAWN MOWERS sharpened and repaired, 75c and $1. James Moulton, 24 Davis street.

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 81 Merrimack St., corner John.

MRS. CLARA ADAMS, clairvoyant card reader and ladies' employment office. 355 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1129 Bridge street. Telephone.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

MADAME LENORE—Clairvoyant card reader; also gifted with drawing power. 71 Tyler street.

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MME. WATSON EMERSON—Clairvoyant and psychological readings at 474 Central street, also instruction in elocution and physical culture.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner Store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION!—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien, at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1654 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hanson. Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year; Repairing a specialty. 261 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co's, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack St., opp. City Hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE

376 BRIDGE STREET, White Sewing Machine Co.—Ladies, before buying try our Automatic drop machine; we have several other makes; you are sure to get suited; good second hand machines on hand; give us a call.

SODA WATER pays large profits; fountains from $65 up, on easy monthly payments; little cash required; catalog of great bargains free; do not delay or you may be too late; soda water tanks repaired. Robt. M. Green & Sons, Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR SALE—Phonograph and 13 records nearly new and in good order; the lot for $9; a bargain. Apply after 6 p. m. 66 Franklin street, Lowell, Mass.

DOGS—Full bred pointer puppies, handsomely marked, of good workers; if you want a good dog cheap here is your chance. Battersby, 52 Church street.

FOR SALE—62-acre farm in Tyngsboro; 20 acres wood. Mrs. Carville, 36 Fort Hill avenue.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, cost $200 last fall; will sell for about one-half that price, as I have no use for it now. Inquire G. M., Sun office.

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching from heavy laying strain of barred Plymouth Rocks at 5c each. 24 Epping street, Wigginville.

FOR SALE—Chest of steam-fitters' tools. Inquire at this office. Call after 6 p. m.

FOR SALE—Hard, soft, and kindling wood at Eugene Paquin's, 187 Chelmsford street.

FOR SALE—New milch Jersey cows. Apply A. Fells, 989 Lakeview avenue.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

FOR SALE—A boarding house, rooms all occupied at present, at 238 Appleton street; if sold at once will let it go at $150; there are 12 rooms in the house and all furnished; sickness the only cause for wanting to sell. Inquire at 238 Appleton street.

FOR SALE—Very large boarding and lodging house, centrally located, very near P. O., all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, steam heat, gas; best location in city; doing big business at present. Further particulars at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 20 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1¼ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack St.

WANTED

WANTED—A position as housekeeper or to work by the day, week or hour. Address 401 Bridge street.

WANTED—Boarders and roomers; will use you all right; come and try us. Mrs. Wisted, 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—Dress making, reception and children's dresses are given every attention. Mrs. J. M. Brown, 247 Appleton St.

STOVES—New and second-hand bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A good home for a child three months old. Inquire 131½ Colburn street.

WANTED—To board children; cared for by experienced mother; reasonable price. Mrs. P. L., Sun office.

WILL the gentleman who went to Crystal lake in reference to running automobile please call at 1990 Middlesex St. Joseph Brouillet.

ANYONE wishing to board a baby with an experienced mother and at a reasonable price, address Box 168, Chelmsford, Mass.

WANTED—Everybody in Billerica to buy Zomo Washing Fluid of J. S. Walsh. Makes washing easy.

MRS. A. BLANCHARD'S new lying-in hospital at 688 Pleasant street, Dracut Centre, is now all equipped for patients. Telephone 734-4.

WANTED—For cash, a place 5 to 30 acres close to a city and electrics. Call or write to the Arlington house, Lowell. Mr. Dalton. Call 6 to 9 p. m.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Situation as housekeeper by reliable woman. Apply at Sun office.

WANTED—Situation as pastry cook. Address O. P., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by a pastry cook; can give references. Address O. P., Sun office.

WANTED—A position as nurse girl by a New Brunswick girl who has had considerable experience with children. Address Z. A., Sun office.

WANTED—By a French Canadian young man, an inside position; speaks English and French language. Please refer to 577 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A situation as coachman. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children able to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 89 Crosby street.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Bunch of keys in Fletcher street. Finder please leave at 38 Suffolk street.

LOST—A pair of gold bowed glasses in case either in Opera house or between Opera house and Towers corner. Finder please leave at Opera house box office.

LOST—Gent's black silk fob chain, gold locket, on Middlesex or Central streets or Westford street car. Reward at Bachelder's bicycle store, 122 Middlesex street.

LOST—Black and tan pup in vicinity of Reade street, white spot on feet. Return to 55 Reade street. Reward.

LOST—A brindle and white bull dog. Finder rewarded at 392 Bridge street.

LOST—Saturday evening at Associate hall, a bunch of keys. Finder kindly leave them at 156 Appleton street. Call for Miss Mitchell.

FOUND—A lady's gold watch. Inquire at 21 Oliver street after 6 in the evening.

LOST—At Lakeview March 12th, two black and tan fox hounds, one with collar marked Frank L. Barrett, Sterling Junction, Mass.; the other dog has tip of one chipped. For reward notify F. L. Barrett, 12 Belknap street, Nashua.

THE WOMAN that picked up the terrier dog on Central street last Tuesday night had better let him loose or return him or there is trouble for her.

LOST—A wallet containing a large sum of money. Finder please return to 118 Branch street and be liberally rewarded.

FOUND!

The place to buy cash registers right. The International Manufacturing Co., room 46, Donovan building.

SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Sherman Induces Couple to Agree

It is due to the good offices of Judge Sherman in the criminal session of the Middlesex superior court at East Cambridge that the marital troubles of Ansel M. Marston of Somerville and his wife have been amicably settled.

Mrs. Marston charged her husband with non-support. The case came up from the lower court on an appeal.

After the evidence Judge Sherman said to Marston: "You have a child, haven't you?"

Marston replied that there was one, a boy.

"You are fond of him, aren't you?" continued the judge,—and Marston admitted that he was.

"Your wife is also fond of him?" was the next query, and Marston answered in the affirmative.

"Then," said Judge Sherman, "why don't you two for the sake of that boy come together and fix this thing up instead of continuing this contest in the criminal court. It seems to me you can do it. It seems to me that you are wrong, Marston. You made her treasurer when you first started and now she thinks she should be treasurer always. I want you to see if you can't fix this thing up without having it go further here."

The jury was then dismissed for the day, and for 15 minutes Judge Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Marston, Asst. Dist. Atty. Bancroft and Mr. Roberts, who appeared for Mrs. Marston, conferred in a low tone at the judge's bench. What was said was not intended for public ears, but both Mr. and Mrs. Marston were given some wholesome advice and the matter will probably go no further, but will be explained to the jury when it comes in this morning.

Clarence Lee, colored, the young Harvard student who is now at the reformatory, was brought down from Concord on a habeas corpus to answer to a charge of larceny in a building. He pleaded guilty. Lee is the man who for some time had been taking students' property of every description. He was given an additional sentence in the reformatory, to begin at the expiration of his present term.

Ella Toomajian pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving stolen property and was fined $50. John E. Shane, charged with breaking and entering and larceny of a horse, pleaded guilty and was given a year in the house of correction. John Crocker of Newton, for larceny, was sent to the reformatory. George B. Davis was arraigned on the charge of larceny, pleaded guilty and was held in $2500 for the final disposition of his case.

STUDENTS' RIOTS

VIENNA, March 18.—Severe riots have occurred at a university at Agram, between students for and against Russia. Several on both sides were wounded.

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ANNUAL REUNION

Of St. Andrew's Church, No. Billerica

The annual parish reunion of the members of St. Andrew's Catholic church of North Billerica was held last night and was a great success. The entertainment consisted of a musical and literary program, which was followed by dancing. Rev. J. P. B. Desroches, O. M. I., pastor of the church, had general charge of the affair.

The concert program was as follows:

Chorus, "Let Erin Remember," "Sons of Ireland."

Solo, "Ireland, I Love You."
Mr. James H. Gannon

Solo, "Back to Erin."
Miss Mary Seymour

Piano solo, Irish melodies, introducing "Believe Me" and "Garry Owen."
Miss Ella Reilly

Solo, "Eileen Aroon."
Mr. Charles Fairbrother

Reading, "A Sprig of Green."
Mr. Maurice O'Donnell

Piano solo, "Love's Young Dream," with variations.
Miss Etta Hoar

Solo, "Minstrel Boy."
Mr. John T. Fairbrother

Closing chorus, "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Hall," "Believe Me," "Come Back to Erin," "Home Rule for Dear Old Ireland."

Those in charge of the dancing were: Gen. manager, Mr. Owen O'Toole; assistant, Miss Nellie Cowdrey; floor director, Miss Annie Burke; assistant, Mr. John J. Mahoney; chief aid, John S. Welsh; aids, Mr. Edward Morris; Miss Mary Hughes, Miss Mary McCusker; Miss Isabel Fairbrother, Mr. Charles E. Cowdrey, Mr. Ambrose, Mr. Neil R. Mahoney, Miss Nellie Campbell, Mr. Edward Riley, Miss Nellie Dooris, Miss Mary Halley, Mr. Timothy McCarthy, Miss Esther Kearney, Mr. John Bradley, Mr. Henry O'Brien, Miss Mary Higgins, Mr. Frederic Gannon, Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, Mr. Frank Hannon, Miss Eva Reardon.

Refreshment committee—Miss Nellie M. Cowdrey, matron; Mesdames Thos. Fay, Charles Collins, John Reilly, Thomas Callahan, John H. Mahoney, Jeremiah Donovan, Charles Kane, Misses Mary Twomey, Mary Seymour, Etta Page, Katherine Cowdrey, Margaret Riley, Florence Keating, Jennie O'Toole, Nellie Dooris, Letitia Blake, Florence Bradley, Nellie Murphy, Mollie Bradley, Mollie Murphy, Maud Hannon, Mary Higgins, Etta McCluskey, Mary O'Brien, Esther Kearney, Margaret Hughes.

Candy table—Matron, Miss Annie T. Mahoney; assistants, Misses Mary Halley, Mary Hughes, Ella Reilly, Theresa Scanlon.

Lemonade table—Matron, Miss Delia Connolly; assistants, Misses Isabel I. Fairbrother, Jeannette Morris, Lillian Buckley, Eva Buckley.

Souvenir committee—Martin Conway, chairman; Miss Katherine Cowdrey, secretary; Misses Margaret Dewire, Annie Burke, Agnes Fairbrother, Mary Seymour, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Annie Dooris, Frances Gannon, Messrs. Thomas F. Sheridan, Owen O'Toole, John J. Mahoney, Neil R. Mahoney, William Halley, Ambrose Hennessey.

Reception committee—Edmund Costello, chairman; John Harrington, John Sullivan, Martin Lane, Michael Harrington, Martin Conway, Sr., Peter Dolan, Owen Murnlugham, Maurice McElligott, Charles Finnick, Cornelius Mahoney, Daniel Lyons, Denis O'Keefe, Patrick Kennelley, John Hughes, Philip Gleason, Elias Hannon, L. B. Gannon, Bernard Kearney, Bernard Nugent, William Fairbrother, James Bradley, T. F. Lyons, Patrick Kearney, Jeremiah Donovan, Richard J. Conway, John O'Brien, John Higgins, Samuel Campbell, Thomas Collins, Mesdames Martin Lane, Julia Halley, Martin Conway, Timothy Rogers, John Hughes, H. W. Kearney, Jeremiah Donovan, Bernard Nugent, Dennis O'Keefe, B. McNulty, Philip Gleason, Patrick Kennelley, T. F. Lyons, Thomas Collins, Denis Mahoney, John Gannon, Kate Stewart, Catherine Maloney, Mary Cowdry, Charles Finnick, Kate Kenney, Nellie Murphy.

General committee—Owen O'Toole, chairman; William F. Holley, secretary; Rev. J. P. B. Desroches, O. M. I., treasurer; Martin Conway, Jr., Carl Delehanty, John Hughes, James Campbell, Neil Mahoney, Misses Nellie Cowdrey, Annie Mahoney, Mary Holley, Mary Hughes, Daniel Twomey, John S. Welsh, John H. Mahoney, William Costello, Timothy McCarthy, Misses Etta McCusker, Delia Conley, Letitia Blake, Annie Burke, Anna Dooris, J. J. Mahoney, Edward Morris, Timothy Mahoney, James Burke, Frederic Gannon, Misses Isabel Fairbrother, Mary Seymour, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Annie Dewire, Nellie Dewire.

Members of the chorus: John Fairbrother, Jas. Rielly, Ed. Rielly, Ed. Morris, Thomas Sheridan, Wm. Taylor, Ambrose Hennessey, James Gannon, Frederick Gannon, J. J. Mahoney, J. S. Welsh, Wm. Holley, Timothy McCarty, Geo. Carney, Henry O'Brien, Jas. J. Campbell, John Reardon, Jas. Higgins, Wm. Maxwell, Joseph McCusker, Carl Delehanty, Charles Hughes, Neil R. Mahoney, Misses Mary Emmett, Mary Seymour, Letitia Blake, Ester Carney, Nellie Dooris, Jennie Dooris, Bell Fairbrother, Annie Burke, Ella Rielly, Mollie Kennelly, Annie Higgins, Agnes Rielly, Maud Hannon, Mamie O'Brien, Etta Paige, Mary E. McCusker, Jennette Morris, Annie Bradley, Nellie Campbell, Etta Hoar, Annie Hoar, Maggie Connelly, Annie Dooris, Frances Gannon, Nellie Cahill, Rose McSorley, Louise Higgins, Maggie Fitzpatrick; Nellie Murphy and Maud Campbell, accompany flag bearers.

BUTLER VETS

MAY GO TO ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

The Butler Veteran Firemen's association ran one of its social sessions in their rooms at the corner of Cross and Fletcher streets last evening. The little roast pig was in evidence, together with a lot of other good things. It was announced that the band connected with the association would no longer be called the Gen. Butler Fife, Drum and Bugle corps, but will be known as the Gen. Butler V. F. association band.

During the evening Foreman James Walker announced that the Gen. Butlers will attend the first muster of the season which will be held in Gloucester, June 17. He also said that he wished that the members of the association would get together and push matters in order that the Butlers might attend the international muster which will be held at the St. Louis exposition.

Ned Deluth was on hand with a most toothsome repast. During the evening the Mozart quartet rendered several selections and Purchasing Agent James Donnelly sang. The other contributors to the evening's enjoyment were Foreman James Walker, W. T. Rose, the Butler Vets quartet, composed of James Donnelly, Ledger Panton, John Cook and James Walsh.

JOHN REDMOND

Predicts Defeat of the Government

LONDON, March 18—A banquet was held at the hotel Cecil last night, presided over by John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, and attended by the members of the nationalist party in the house of commons and prominent Irishmen in London.

A cablegram of greeting from the United Irish league of America was read.

Mr. Redmond, in proposing the toast of "Ireland a Nation," said that the opportunity had almost arrived for Ireland to be a deciding factor in the making or unmaking of the government of Great Britain. The coming general election would witness the defeat of the unionist government and Mr. Redmond urged the Irish voters in Great Britain to put the question of home rule above everything else. He said that the future depended upon the power and unity of the Irish party in parliament.

IN IRELAND

LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION IN DUBLIN WAS IN A HEAVY RAIN.

LONDON, Mar. 18—St. Patrick's day was little observed in England. Few flags were flown and there was little demand for shamrocks.

Queen Alexandra made her customary gift of Shamrocks to the Irish guards. Each man was presented with a sprig on parade yesterday morning at Aldershot.

In Ireland the day was generally observed as a holiday and business was suspended. The lord mayor's procession, which was in a heavy rain, was the principal attraction in Dublin.

PLEASANT SOCIAL

AT THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

A fine social was held at the Young Men's Christian association in Hurd street last night, it being one of the members' pleasant socials.

Every seat in the association hall was occupied. A party of Nashua people arrived during the early part of the evening.

The entertainment was in the hands of Rev. S. D. Millin. His readings were of a varied character.

Miss Elizabeth Huntley, a talented contralto, who has not been very long in the East, won unstinted applause by her work.

Mr. Clayton Kimball was accompanist. He also played a solo, the movement of which was filled with dash, and it pleased.

The Women's auxiliary served ice cream and cake following the completion of the program.

POISONED CANDY

WAS NOT SENT FROM BOONE, IOWA.

DES MOINES, Ia. March 18.—By means of a powerful magnifying glass, it was discovered yesterday that the box of poisoned candy sent to Miss Nelson at Pierre, S. D., does not bear the Boone, Ia., postmark. The discovery will have a tendency to prove the innocence of Mrs. Sherman Dye, who has been accused of sending the fatal package.

ARCANUM WHIST PARTY.

The regular meeting of Lowell council, Royal Arcanum, was held last night and during the business meeting there were several applications for membership and two new members were admitted.

After the business meeting the members and friends held the last of the series of whist parties, and twenty tables were in operation during the evening.

The winners of the evening prizes were: First prize, C. E. Esterbrook, 37, combination shears; second, C. E. Edwards, 32, mirror; third prize, L. C. Jelly, 31, pocketbook; booby, Mr. Sullivan, score 7, penwiper.

The winner of the series was E. Dufresne, with a score of 111. Prize, pair military brushes.

CHAFING DISH SUPPER.

The Women's association of the Kirk Street Congregational church gave a very delightful chafing dish supper and entertainment last night in the vestry of the church. About two hundred were present and their appreciation was plainly evident from their frequent expressions of pleasure.

Tables about the hall, each presided over by two hostesses, were very beautifully decorated, and many words of commendation were heard. The supper reflected credit upon the ladies.

The evening's entertainment was furnished by Miss Mabel Bragg of the Normal school, who gave a number of excellent readings which she classed under the head of "Story Tellings." Every number given by her was a gem and was related in such a natural manner as to win richly deserved applause.

TO CHAIN CHAPIN MINE.

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., March 18.—Yesterday the water was turned into the large steel flues of the hydraulic works, two miles from here, which are to furnish the power to chain the Chapin mine of the U. S. Steel corporation, one of the largest ore mines in the world. Two of the large compressors also were started. In a day or so the other large compressors will be started.

The hydraulic plant probably ranks second to the plant at Niagara Falls.

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BOY IS GUILTY

He was Charged With Murder

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—Herman Helmberger, 17 years old, one of the four boys who on January 22, killed Grocer Bernard Balzano, was last night found guilty of murder in the second degree. The only punishment provided by law is life imprisonment. Trueman, Draper and Hoasselet, the three lads who were indicted with Helmberger, will be tried next month.

The defense admitted that the fatal shot was fired from Helmberger's revolver, but claimed that the gun was accidentally discharged while one of the boys was trying to take it out of Helmberger's hand. It was also admitted that the boys entered the store for the purpose of robbing Balzano. According to the residents the boys were addicted to dime novel reading.

IN PHILADELPHIA

ST. PATRICK'S DAY OBSERVED BY BIG MEETINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—The principal events of St. Patrick's day in this city were the 113th annual dinner of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and a public meeting held by the United Irish societies of Philadelphia at the Academy of Music. Both events took place last night. The principal speaker at the public meeting was Col. John F. Finerty of Chicago, president of the Unted Irish league of America, who in the course of his remarks said:

"The Irish people of the United States will oppose with their votes and their influence any candidate of any party who favors a closer bond between this country and England."

Among the speakers at the dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick were Congressman De Armond of Missouri; Gov. Pennypacker and Mayor Weaver of this city.

CARS DERAILED

NO ONE INJURED IN CRASH AT NEWTON JUNCTION.

HAVERHILL, March 18.—One hundred and fifty passengers on the Portland express train that left Boston yesterday afternoon at 4.15 escaped uninjured in a collision with a freight train at Newton Junction, N. H. Twenty freight cars were derailed and the forward part of the engine of the freight train was separated from the tender in the collision, both being overturned.

The Portland express, which was in charge of Conductor Edward Roberts, with Clarence W. Dodge of Portland engineer, left this city on time at 5.14. The train makes a quick run between this city and Exeter, N. H., and is supposed to pass the Boston freight bound for North Berwick at the siding at Newton Junction. The freight train was in charge of Conductor Edward Saunders of North Berwick, with Al White as engineer. The freight consisted of 20 cars, and the cars were being shifted onto the siding when the collision occurred.

William Roswell was supposed to keep the freight on the siding until after the Portland passenger express passed. He opened the switch, and after the freight had started he realized that the Portland express was due. The express train came along at a fast speed and Engineer Dodge perceived the danger when he saw the freight proceeding onto the main line from the siding.

Dodge put on the air brakes, but it was impossible to avoid a collision and with his fireman, Dodge, jumped from his engine. The two trains came together, the engine of the freight being torn from its tender and both portions of it being overturned. The engine of the express train was derailed, as was the mail car, but the passenger coaches remained on the iron. The passengers were all shaken up by the collision and as the cars crashed into the freight train all the cars on the latter were derailed.

Engineer Dodge in jumping was injured, receiving severe cuts about the head and body, and it is feared that he is hurt internally. The engineer and firemen of the freight train also jumped and escaped unhurt. Traffic on the road was impeded for an hour, after which the through trains were sent over another siding.

MUSIC SUPPER

AT THE GRACE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

One of the largest audiences of the season was present at Grace church last evening to listen to the inspiring music of Tufts college students and also to enjoy a good supper. The affair was not in charge of any society, but was arranged by a committee of ladies, who were well repaid for their indefatigable efforts. It was quite evident that no mistake had been made in securing the college boys as the attraction.

A supper, fully as good as "regulars" was served from 6 until 7.45 o'clock, and in that time it was estimated 325 persons partook of a most apetizing repast.

The program given by the college boys was as follows:

Piano duet, Miss Maud Marshall, Mrs. Charles A. Dane; song (selected), Mrs. Nettie A. Roberts; reading (selected), Mr. Howard Charles Gale; song (selected), Mr. Charles Hosea Temple; mandolin duet, Mr. Charles Henry Emmons, Mr. Delman Everett Trout; song (selected), Mr. John Eben Moulton; violin solo, Mr. Trout; song, Mr. Roberts; reading, Mr. Gale; song, Mr. Temple; mandolin duet, Messrs. Emmons and Trout; song, Mr. Moulton, mandolin duet, Messrs. Emmons and Trout; accompanist, Miss Mabel F. Howe.

The ladies who had the affair in charge were Mrs. Henry St. Martin, Miss Marion Wilkins and Mrs. George Howes.

The hosts of the occasion were Messrs. Arthur Abbott and J. G. Marshall.

FACED BURGLAR

BANK PRESIDENT DREW REVOLVER ON HIM.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., March 18.—A big pistol instead of money, is what President Freeman of the Security National bank pulled out of the cashier's drawer yesterday when a man entered the bank, shoved a revolver through the window and demanded all the cash in reach. Mr. Freeman, who was alone at the time, held the would-be robber safe until help arrived. The highwayman is now in jail, but refuses to give his name.

STORM DID GREAT DAMAGE.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—The heaviest hail storm on record here, followed by terrific rain, occurred yesterday afternoon, doing a great deal of damage in the city.

PANAMA CANAL

REPORT MADE BY BUNAU-VARILLA.

PARIS, March 18.—Phillippe Bunau-Varilla, who arrived yesterday by the French line steamer Lorraine, has given in an interview a full history of his efforts to secure the completion of the Panama canal. In concluding he said in reference to the unfriendly rumors which had been circulated:

"I did not tender my services for any work and did not mix with any business connected with the completion of the canal. I have received no salary as minister plenipotentiary from Panama to the United States, but have asked that it be used to head a subscription list for the erection of a statue to the late M. De Lesseps, on the bank of the canal which he desired to see completed.

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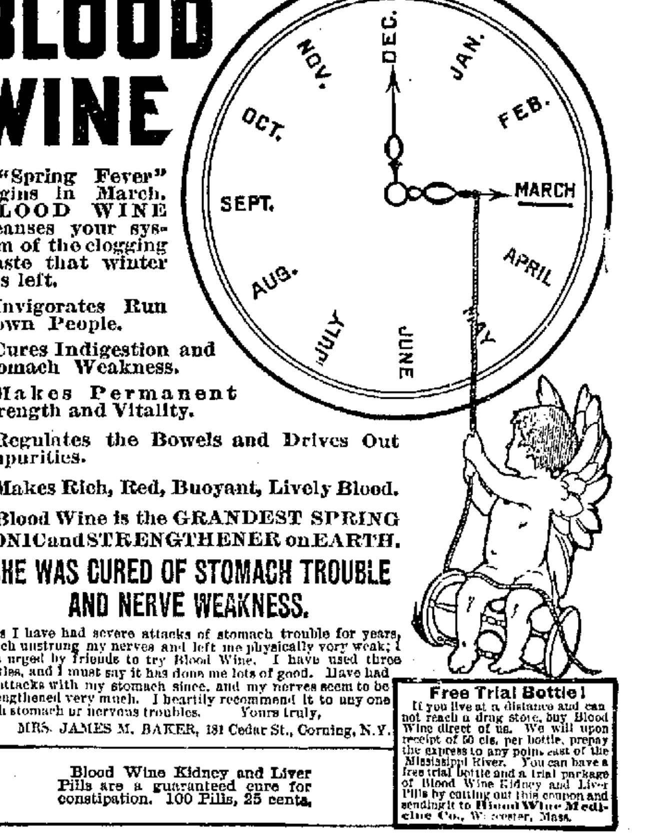

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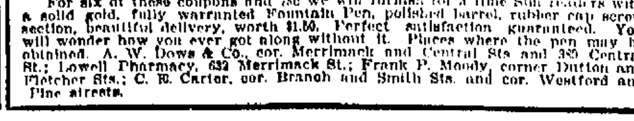

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PAY HELD UP

City Employes Got Bad Scare

UPON APPLYING FOR THEIR PAY TODAY

Mayor Had Not Signed Weekly Draft

The early bird generally gets the worm, but this morning at City hall the early bird got a big surprise when he went into the city treasurer's office seeking the worm, and for a little while he was doing some tall guessing.

Before the city employes can be paid off it is necessary for the mayor to sign a draft which the auditor prepares for him and which is taken to the city treasurer when signed.

Usually this draft is signed on Thursday afternoon so that the treasurer is ready to pay off as soon as he opens his office on Friday morning. Last night, however, the mayor went home before the auditor sent up the draft and hence it remained unsigned until 9.30 this morning when the mayor came to city hall.

But when the city treasurer opened up the usual crowd of early birds were there, including several policemen who had just come off duty and were on their way home. All were much surprised when the city treasurer politely informed them that their pay would not be forthcoming until the mayor had signed the weekly draft.

With instances of held-up bills and payrolls in mind the applicants for pay were much disturbed, but when it was explained to them that everyone in the city employ was in a similar box they felt more at ease and were content to wait half an hour until his honor arrived, after which time everything sailed along smoothly.

INSTANTLY KILLED

GAS EXPLODED IN A COAL MINE YESTERDAY.

HENRY, W. Va., March 18—C. E. Henderson and two Polish miners, were instantly killed yesterday by an explosion of gas in a coal mine here.

NEGRO ASSAILANT

CONFESSED TO KILLING ITALIAN WOMAN.

ROANOKE, Va., March 18—Henry Williams, the negro assailant of Mrs. Shield and her little daughter in this city on January 30, has confessed to killing an Italian woman at East Liverpool, Ohio, and to cutting a woman's throat in Pennsylvania. Williams will be hanged here tomorrow.

Straw matting 10c per yard, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

STOLE PAPERS

SMALL BOY TOOK A BIG BUNDLE OF THEM.

John Coyne, 10, whose home is at 385 School street, was arrested this forenoon for the alleged larceny of 40 newspapers.

Johnnie's mother was communicated with and went to the rescue. Because of his tender age, he was not detained at the police station. He was allowed to go home with his mother and the case will be heard later. Johnnie is a very bright boy and his propensity to purloin is decidedly a new feature of his make-up. He has been a good boy and his recent venture seems a bit peculiar. He didn't go home yesterday and a search was instituted last night but Johnnie was not discovered.

He "bunked out," and at the early morning he called at the Middlesex street depot and connected with a bundle of papers. He was taken in charge by the police, however, before he had disposed of but few of the papers.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Eirene lodge of Good Templars was held last evening with a large attendance. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of sympathy for Chief Templar Wiley F. Johnson, who lost his son in the sad drowning accident in the Merrimack river last Monday.

The following members were chosen as delegates to the coming session of the grand lodge in April: Mrs. Jennie Turnbull, Mrs. Laura Hands and W. F. Johnson; alternates, Mrs. Martha White, John F. Kelley and Miss Myra White.

It was voted to hold a pound party April 7.

In the good of the order remarks were made by the district superintendent of juvenile temples, John Brady, and the lodge deputy, Frank A. McLean. Miss Ivy Hands gave a piano solo. E. S. Varney read a selected poem, entitled "The Little Boy That Died." It was suggested by the recent sad bereavement in the home of the chief templar, W. F. Johnson. Chief Templar Flanders of Gen. Fiske lodge made the closing speech, extending the sympathy of the lodge to the bereaved parents of the Johnson boy.

Lowell aerie of Eagles met in regular session last night, but transacted little business. There were 125 applications for membership but owing to the small attendance at the meeting it was decided to postpone the initiation until a time when they could be received by the entire body. Adjournment was voted until next Thursday night.

The regular meeting of Corps 33, W. R. C., was held last evening. Arrangements for the formation of Middlesex County association, to be held in Post 120, G. A. R., hall, March 29, at 10 o'clock a. m. were completed. Great enthusiasm was manifested. The corps has been invited to exemplify the work of the W. R. C. and have consented.

SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MEDICINE

LONDON, March 18.—Sir Donald Currie has donated $500,000 to the University college and London university. It is intended with this sum to build a school of advanced medicine and it will also enable the university to incorporate the college in its system.

LOWELL TOOK A RIDE IN A JAUNTING CAR YESTERDAY AND ENJOYED IT.

BOWLING NEWS.

An amusing game was bowled on the alleys last night by the lady friends of the Mohair Cricket club and the members of the different teams demonstrated their ability in knocking down the pins even if the scores made were not record breakers. Mrs. T. Southam captained the Batleys, while the Dewsburys were under the leadership of Mrs. John Harriman.

The Dewsburys were in the game until the last string, when their opponents went in and won the string by a margin of 20 pins, which resulted in a victory by five pins.

Mrs. Charles Aveyard won first prize, having a three string total of 198, while the second prize went to Mrs. George Fox, who had a single string of 61. The score:

BATLEY.

	1	2	3	Total
Mrs. T. Southam..	46	50	56	152
Mrs. George Fox..	61	54	51	166
Miss Billings	58	46	58	162
Mrs. Williams	44	45	51	140
Miss Harnden	60	50	51	169
Total.....	268	254	267	789.

DEWSBURY.

Mrs. J. Harriman..	51	47	47	145
Mrs. C. Aveyard...	57	70	71	198
Mrs. C. Jenkins....	58	50	46	154
Mrs. J. Harrison ..	43	51	54	148
Mrs. Cooper	59	52	29	120
Total.....	267	270	247	784

RAMBLERS WON.

The Ramblers and the Orients played a closely contested game last night in the Recreation Bowling league tournament, the former team winning by a score of 1249 to 1225. For the winning team Marsden was high single and high total man. For the Orients Galvin was high single man and Slavin and Kelly were tied in high totals.

The score:

RAMBLERS.

	1	2	3	Total
Simpson	84	85	93	262
O'Brien	73	77	78	228
Marsden	98	90	95	283
Rigby	80	74	75	229
Moran	89	78	80	247
Total.....	424	404	421	1249

ORIENTS.

Lang	86	72	85	243
Lyman	90	83	81	254
Galvin	92	75	79	246
Slavin	78	83	87	248
Kelly	74	83	91	248
Total.....	410	396	423	1225

MOHAIR RESERVES WON.

A well contested bowling match took place yesterday afternoon on Les Miserables bowling alleys between the Mohair Reserves and the Olives, the former winning by a score of 1179 to 1112. F. Harrison was high single and high total for the victorious team, while Edwards was high single and high total man for the Olives.

The score:

MOHAIR RESERVES.

	1	2	3	Total
J. Rhodes	80	79	83	242
Collins	81	80	74	235
Southam	70	73	72	215
Rudden	79	79	88	246
F. Harrison	78	72	91	241
Total.....	388	383	408	1179

OLIVES.

Edwards	72	75	93	240
W. Rhodes	71	68	70	207
Langervin	76	75	68	219
Pascall	74	68	81	223
Clark	57	76	68	201
Total.....	350	362	380	1112

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ROAD ASSOCIATION MEET.

ERIE, Pa., March 18—Going on record as not being opposed to the improvement of any roads, the first annual meeting of the New York and Chicago association, closed yesterday with the adoption of a resolution favoring the building of a national highway between the two cities above named, through the southern tier of counties of New York and westwardly along the Lake Shore, through Cleveland and Toledo to Chicago. Joseph W. Hunter, state highway commissioner of Pennsylvania, was instructed to go over the proposed route and estimate the cost of construction. The meeting next year will be in Elmira, N. Y.

CHELMSFORD CENTRE.

Miss Ockington's dancing class gave a reception at the Centre town hall last evening and it was a grand success. Hilliard's orchestra furnished music and there was a large attendance. The grand march was led by Master Sidney Perham and Miss Marjorie Armstrong, and following it were dances, round and square, interspersed with which were numbers given in costume. There was a great variety of novel and fashionable dances all well executed.

MINION CLUB'S PARTY.

A pretty dancing party was held at Prescott hall last night under the auspices of the Minion club. The music for dancing was furnished by Kittredge's orchestra. The officers were: General manager, Frank Clark; assistant general manager, John Conner; floor director, James Flynn; assistant floor director, William McLaughlin; chief aid, Walter King; treasurer, William Raygan.

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Silk and Lace Fans, ALL REDUCED TO 89c EACH

One lot Fancy Garters, silk web, regular 50c quality, FOR THIS SALE 42c PAIR

One lot Fancy Garters, regular 37½c quality, FOR THIS SALE 21c PAIR

One lot of Ladies' Handkerchiefs, slightly soiled, regular 10c quality, FOR THIS SALE 3c EACH; 9 FOR 25c

One lot of Gents' Handkerchiefs, FOR THIS SALE 3c EACH; 9 FOR 25c

One lot of Gents' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, regular 19c quality, FOR THIS SALE 10c EACH

One lot of Taffeta Ribbon, all colors, regular 19c quality, FOR THIS SALE 10c YARD

One lot of Satin Taffeta Ribbon, regular 39c quality, FOR THIS SALE 19c YARD

One lot of Ribbon, regular 10c quality, FOR THIS SALE 4c YARD

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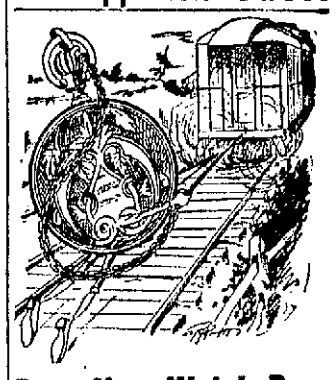

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

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The experiment of having the police work six nights a week is to be tried in Lawrence. It was not ordained that police officers and firemen should be barred from the benefits of a weekly day of rest.

The prospect is growing that the seventy eight delegates from New York state will be all for Judge Parker. The Tammany leader who was for Cleveland has had reason to change his mind and now the Tammany men have already made concessions to Judge Parker's supporters, particularly to David B. Hill.

THE MERGER VICTORY.

The victory won by the government in the merger case of the Northern Securities Co., shows that there are at present laws enough to restrain the trusts if these laws were enforced. The anti-trust laws have never been enforced and this particular case is one of the few in which the chief executive of the nation presumed to authorize action against the establishment of dangerous monopolies.

THAT ST. LOUIS LOAN.

There is considerable obection to the granting of a large loan by congress to the St. Louis fair company. The company wants $4,000,000, and judging from the denouement of some fairs in the past some people think that the loan may never be paid. The reputation of St. Louis is not the best, and although the enterprise is one that should receive some general encouragement yet there are serious doubts as to whether the enterprise will pay. It appears that congress is willing to take the chances.

QUEER CHARGE OF BARBARISM.

Whether justly or not the Japanese are accused of having recourse to the barbarous practice of using poisoned swords against the Russians. It is claimed that swords left behind by routed Japanese were so poisoned. If the charge can be sustained it will cause an alienation of sympathy from Japan. Such cruelty is inhuman and could only serve to stigmatize the nation that used it. The world has reached too high a stage of civilization to tolerate any such practice as that. No doubt the charge, even if true, will be sternly denied by Japan. Let us hope it is untrue.

MORMONISM SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

The investigation of the Smoot case at Washington has brought out the fact that the Mormons have 10,000 Elders or missionaries at work all the time canvassing for converts. They travel to all parts of the world and have a knack of making converts that seems wholly mysterious to those unacquainted with their methods. It appears also that the Mormon missionaries are making converts all over the world, and that in spite of hostile legislation in this country. They are still increasing in membership and continuing the practice of polygamy.

It would be a good thing for this country if the Mormons were banished. Their influence is bad and they seem to ignore the laws framed to stamp out the crime which is made the cardinal principle of their religion.

FALSE TEETH AND LONGEVITY.

The New York Times argues that false teeth have something to do with longevity. A certain doctor of some eminence has been writing letters in the Century Magazine on the subject of "How to Live Long," giving advice against the various causes that shorten life. As the article ignored or overlooked the possible evil of false teeth, the New York Times rises to remark that the failure of the teeth is one of the things that indicate decadence of the stomach. We admit that in infancy or until the teeth have appeared, the child's stomach is not capable of digesting solid food; but we do not admit that failure or decay of the teeth in after life indicates a corresponding failure of the digestive organs. It oftens happens that persons in the prime of life lose their teeth by decay or other causes, but it would be absurd to suppose that they should then return to the food of infants or even to change their food to any extent. A single tooth or all the teeth may be lost from purely local causes, same as an eye may be lost by injury or abuse, but that does not argue a weakening of the stomach or digestive organization.

The loss of the teeth may be compensated for in a great degree by false teeth, which, however, are never quite so effective as the natural teeth; but with proper precaution in the mastication of food they may serve all practical purposes. This is why in our belief the article in the Century magazine did not refer to this matter considered of so much importance by the New York Times.

REMARKABLE LIBEL CASE.

That was a remarkable libel case instituted by Rev. Dr. Schell against Editor Parkhurst of Zion's Herald and which has just been closed in the superior court by the finding of a verdict of $24,000 for the plaintiff.

While general secretary of the Epworth league in 1890 it seems that Rev. Dr. Schell undertook the publication of a hymn book and it was in connection with this undertaking that Zion's Herald charged him with dishonesty and with using his position for personal gain. Zion's Herald being the organ of the Wesleyan association, the editor presumed that he had a right to use its columns for castigating anybody in the ranks of the association. But religious organs are amenable to the law same as any ordinary publication and this Editor Parkhurst has learned to his cost.

In delivering his charge to the jury Judge Maynard among other things said:

"A person has no right to say untrue things about another which may affect his character. If they are true he has no right to say them in malice.

"If the defendant believed his statements to be true, that would not constitute a justification, but may be considered as bearing on the question of malice.

"So far as you find the statements true, the paper had a right to print them unless you find that they were printed in malice.

"Even if statements are true, and yet are put in to gratify malice, or prompted by feelings of animosity, they are not justified.

"If the conduct of the plaintiff was such as to lead the defendant to believe that the things charged be true, then that is to be taken into consideration in determining the question of malice.

"If you find that the defendant Parkhurst was actuated by malice, that finding will extend to the other defendant.

"Each of the 16 counts in the plaintiff's declaration must be considered separately."

This is the substance of the law of libel condensed and it shows how dangerous an element is malice when dealt out through the columns of any publication. If the verdict be not upset by the supreme court, Editor Parkhurst may have some difficulty in meeting the demand of Dr. Schell. The case has naturally caused much excitement among the Methodists.

SEEN AND HEARD

Report has it that Anthony Conway has purchased the Globe hotel.

Strange isn't it, how well some people enjoy poor health?

The street department men have removed all the snow and ice from Suffolk street and the street is now in splendid condition.

The little Howe girl, who was severely injured in the coasting accident, is improving rapidly and is now able to sit up for a short time each day. She is still at St. John's hospital.

Bees ventilate their hives and keep the air pure by having a sanitary squad beat the air into motion with their wings, after the manner of our own electric fans. This ventilating squad is relieved every half-hour. Other facts no less remarkable are related by Dr. Henry C. McCook, president of the American Entomological society, in an article on Insect Commonwealths, in Harper's for March. The cleanliness of both ants and bees—in both cases immaculate—is not the only virtue in which their examples might well be followed by mankind.

The chime bells of St. Patrick's church were taken down from the tower Wednesday by the men who placed them there. It is thought that the chimes will need retuning. The largest bell of all, St. Patrick's bell, was found to be cracked and will have to be replaced.

The following is from the New York Evening Fudge:—

You will probably say there can be no Croton bug four feet long.

That is because you have not reflected that all physical dimensions are relative.

But it is a fact that if you were forty-eight times smaller than you are a Croton bug would appear to you to be four feet in length.

This, however, is not what we now wish to write about. We gave the above title to the article only to attract your attention. We wish to point out an easy way to attain the equalization of wealth.

Mr. Rockefeller is worth a thousand million dollars.

You are worth, say a thousand nickels.

How can you make yourself, at a stroke, as rich as Rockefeller—or Rockefeller as poor as you?

Simply by thinking that each of your nickels is worth a million dollars, or that each of Rockefeller's million dollars is worth a nickel.

After that you will not care whether Croton bugs are four feet long or not.

Thought rules the world.

And we are its thinkiest thinkers.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

MOLLY VARNUMS

ENTERTAINED BY MRS. A. G. WALSH.

Members of the Molly Varnum chapter D. A. R., to the number of about 90 were delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. A. G. Walsh, and Miss Frances E. Bradbrook, 419 Andover street.

Miss Mary Ida Howe, regent, presided.

The records of the last meeting were read by the recording secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Howe. It was voted to limit the charter membership to 200.

The regent's nominating committee and the floor committee's list of proposed chapter officers were read.

Miss R. Agnes Williams gave charming violin selections with piano accompaniment by Miss Josephine Boynton, and Miss Etta M. Rutherford favored the ladies with two well rendered soprano solos, Mrs. J. J. Kerwin, accompanist. Mrs. Charles M. Williams read a most interesting and instructive paper concerning the British evacuation of Boston, March 17, 1776. A dainty lunch was served.

BENEFIT DANCE.

The benefit dance tendered to Miss Sivina Manning by the Carders' union in their hall last evening was beyond doubt the greatest social success held in that hall this winter. Over a thousand tickets were sold for the event, and six hundred people attended the party. Gilmore's orchestra furnished music and dancing was enjoyed until midnight. At intermission one of the members took a picture of the entire gathering, to be presented to Miss Manning.

The officers of the party were Miss Margaret Cumiskey, general manager; Miss Maggie Bray, assistant general manager; J. E. Duffy, floor director; Thomas Carty, assistant floor director.

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$8 for Young Men's Suits in black unfinished worsteds. New patterns of spring cheviots and quiet, dark mixed worsteds — every suit of new cut, and coats single or double breast.

$10 for Young Men's Suits fifteen stunning new styles, in Scotch cheviots and worsteds, in black unfinished worsteds, black Thibets and blue serges; every suit new, and coats double or single breast.

$12 for Young Men's Suits ten strikingly handsome patterns in the new cheviots and worsteds —latest spring colorings, and coats single or double breast.

$15 for Young Men's Suits made with hand padded collars and hand worked button holes. Sixteen elegant patterns in the choicest spring cheviots and very fine black, Thibets and unfinished worsteds and blue serges. Made like first-class custom clothing.

$18 and $20 for Young Men's Suits made from the choicest fabrics and absolutely exclusive in pattern. Not one of these styles can be found elsewhere ready-made, with these the finest black unfinished worsteds that are as exquisite in quality as the garments are perfect in fit.

Spring Overcoats for Easter

Covert Coats 32 to 34 inches in length, from new shades olive and olive gray covert cloths, new striped covert cloth and herringbone weaves, from smart homespuns and Donegal cheviots. A strikingly stylish collection from Rogers-Peet and our own shop. $8 to $20 with a wonderful covert coat for . . . **$10**

Moderate Length Spring Overcoats for the conservative man, in smooth faced cloths—or the dressy kind of fine oxfords and Knight's imported black cheviots, in all the richness of silk linings — these regulation length coats from Rogers, Peet & Co., $15 to $30, with excellent ones of our own make . . . **$8**

New Raincoats, for men and in special sizes for young men, with belts and without. Made from cravenette and other water-proof fabrics. All put together by overcoat tailors and the best fitting coats we ever offered—from Rogers-Peet & Co. and our own shop—oxford gray, black, covert cloth and very stylish Scotch cheviots. Handsome long Spring overcoats that won't wet through — as high as $28, as low as **$7.50**

Spring Suits for Men

The details of our young men's stocks is an index to the broad and liberal scale on which we have provided new clothes for men. From Rogers-Peet & Co. we have suits this season that leave no possible excuse for a man losing time and money by having clothes made to measure. How unlike ready-made these suits are, how carefully tailored, how perfect fitting, how thoroughly satisfactory in every respect, you can never know until you see them.

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Men's Suits from Rogers, Peet & Co. A remarkable and handsome collection of new Scotch and fancy worsted cheviots, unfinished black and blue worsted; suits that are in every respect as good as custom clothes that cost $35 and $40, ready here to be put on—perfect in fit **$20**

Men's Suits in the new and fashionable brown and gray mixed cheviots and worsteds that are quite in line with the showing at merchant tailors, smartly cut, splendidly tailored. We believe it difficult to match a suit in this lot elsewhere below $22—these new suits **$18**

Men's Stunning Suits in a wonderful variety at the extremely popular price $15. Fancy cheviots from Rogers-Peet and our own shop in the very latest spring colorings, handsome smooth worsted fabrics and fine black Thibet, with hand padded collars and hand made buttonholes, coats single or double breast. This is the best exhibition we've ever made of suits at this price and the whole collection is new. We do not believe that style, fit and quality considered, any suits approach these in value for **$15**

Men's Suits in new spring cheviots, fancy worsted cheviots and fine black Thibets. Every suit from our own work-rooms, properly cut, nicely trimmed and tailored in a thorough manner—smart, stylish suits, with single or double breast coats, and we believe them as good as the majority of suits regularly sold three dollars higher. These for $12 and . . **$10**

GREAT BANQUET

Chief Marshal Entertained 300 Guests

JOSEPH SMITH WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Alderman Miskella Acted as Toastmaster

The St. Patrick's day celebraiton was brought to a close last night with a grand banquet at the American house, at which 300 persons were present. The guests began to assemble early in the night and at 9 o'clock all marched from the parlors to the dining hall, where the banquet was served. The place was packed to the doors and many were unable to gain admission to the large room. Rev. John P. Reynolds, O. M. I., Alderman Miskella, who acted as toastmaster, Mayor Howe, Joseph Smith, the principal speakers, occupied seats at the head table with Chief Marshal O'Connell.

Rev. Fr. Reynolds said grace before sitting down to the banquet.

The menu was a most tempting one and it was nearly 11 o'clock before the speech-making began. Alderman Miskella called to order and said that his duty was confined to presenting the various speakers, but before proceeding with this work he wanted to express congratulations to the chief marshal and the men who took part in the parade for the great success that crowned their efforts. He felt certain, he said, that every Irishman and son of an Irishman in Lowell took pride in the spectacle presented during the day when 1500 men marched through the streets of Lowell. He then called on Chief Marshal O'Connell, who received an ovation when he rose to speak. Mr. O'Connell thanked his guests for the reception. He said that words failed to convey the sincere thanks he would like to express to all those who made the parade a success. He would like to take each by the hand and thank him individually, he said, but this would be almost impossible, so he wanted them to accept his expressions of gratitude at this time and to rest assured that he felt under a personal obligation to all, that he only hoped he will be able to discharge at some future time.

Mayor Howe was also received with cheers when he was presented. He said that he felt entirely at home in the present company. "Gathered about this table are many men with whom I have been associated in a business and social way, and so I realize that I am with friends and am one of you. I want to congratulate you upon your selection of your chief marshal and also I want to congratulate him upon his selection of his aids who helped him to make possible one of the best parades that Lowell has ever witnessed."

Joseph Smith, clerk of the police board, was the principal speaker of the evening. He said in part:

In our unthinking moments we are prone to speak of the Irish as the "Fighting Race;" but let me beseech you to put away such folly. Too much good Irish blood has been wasted on fields of slaughter for kings and kings-craft; and while the loyalty and valor of Irish soldiers have sustained many causes, the fame of the race and the renown of the land rests on the nobler achievements of peace, civilization and religion. God's work is not subserved by the slayer of men, but by him who lifts up his fellow and points the road to heaven.

The true glory and honor of Ireland are in the triumph of her missionaries and apostles, her preachers and pioneers of peace. Military glory is a false God; his victories fill the world with tears and sighs and are written in the desolation of the land and the anguish of the homeless and fatherless. It is the pride of our land, that though the race has fought in vain for seven centuries to rid itself of a cruel and greedy oppressor, it has maintained its integrity and achieved the victory of the vanquished. In evil fortune and good the light and leading of Patrick has endured; and the hideous code of government and models which the oppressor has termed civilization is as far from Irish life today as the day her seven centuries of malignant misrule began.

Christian civilization, Irish civilization ,the civilization of Washington and Lincoln are one and the same; a civilization based upon the utterances of Him who preached among the Galilean hills 1900 years ago, reaffirmed and baptized in blood on Bunker hill and written broad and deep into the Declaration of Independence and the American Constitution; a civilization whose fruits are freedom, humanity, education, charity for the weak, justice for the oppressed, religion, unhampered, speech unfettered, the captive set free, the home made sacred and the mother of th race exalted to the places of honor.

I urge you, therefore, to stand staunchly by the clean and simple standards of life and living taught you in the wholesome atmosphere of your Irish homes. Reverence, chastity, honor, honesty, faith, fidelity and charity are still the real things to cling to, for these are the bases of Christian living, the bulwarks of the Christian home, the bed rock of Christian civilization. Cling to your Irish ideals; nurture the spiritual forces of your nature; keep unclean things from your children and you will endure. If you seek refreshment in the stream of American life, go to its sources, where Washington and his confreres drank from the living waters; but eschew the filthy streams that flow into the ocean of oblivion. Only by holding fast to the things that made this land and the old land honored in the ages can you hope to perpetuate yor name and blood. Make money if you may; but true men and good women you must make to endure.

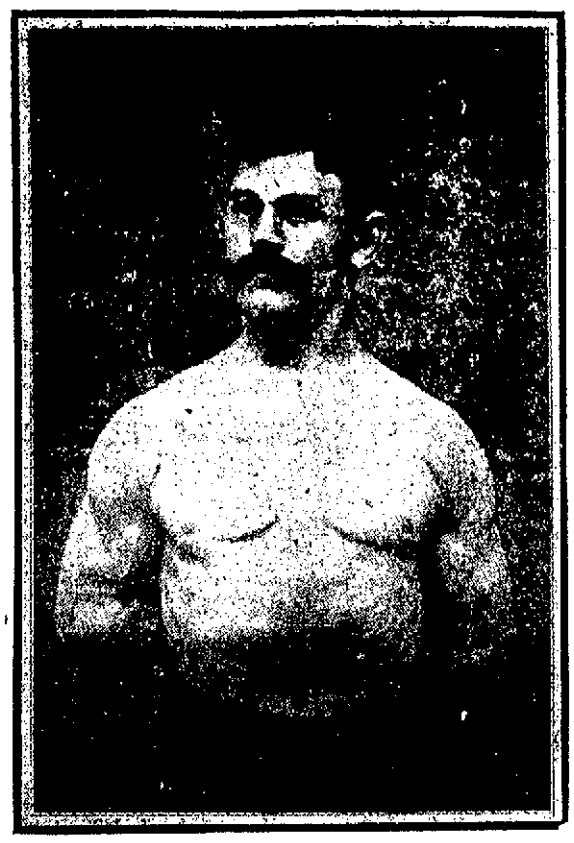
A nation's greatness lies in men, not acres;
One master mind is worth a million hands."

Daniel J. Donahue made a brief speech appropriate to the occasion and congratulatory on the success of the parade.

James E. Donnelly, purchasing agent, then sang several Irish airs and won great applause.

Michael Conley next sang two selections and Rev. Fr. Reynolds, chaplain of the day, was called on for remarks. Fr. Reynolds spoke briefly and said that the occasion gave him opportunity to offer his congratulations to the officials of the day. He said that riding over the route of the parade he could not help finding pleasure in the appearance and number of the men in line. It surpassed, he believed, the fondest hopesof the managers and only went to show what can be accomplished by honest effort. Fr. Reynolds was loudly applauded when he resumed his seat.

Brief addresses by John J. Hogan, Richard Lyons, J. Joseph Hennessey and Frank J. Kierce brought the convention to a close.



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TRIMMED AGAIN

Lowell Rubbed It Into Manchester

KANE AND MATHEWS PLAY FAST GAME

South Framingham Beaten by Haverhill

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 18—The Lowell basketball team defeated the home team here last night by a score of 36 to 27. The game was a fiercely contested one and was replete with rough-house work. In the absence of Healey, who was injured in the game at Lowell, Pete Regan was called into requisition and while he was a willing worker, he failed to put up the clever article of basketball that the former always was noted for. In his attempt to cope with the big fellows of the Lowell team Regan frequently committed fouls and when lost in the shuffle trying to cover Holleron and Loos, Donnelly would come to his assistance, only to leave the floor clear for Toby Mathews, who would take advantage of the opening and shoot the ball into the basket.

Loos was substituted for Holleron in the last period and played a good game.

The score at the end of the first period was 19 to 7, and at the end of the second period 35 to 11 each in favor of the Lowell team.

Lineup and summary:

MANCHESTER.	LOWELL.
Qualey lf	rb Holleron, Loos
Regan rf	lb Leighton
Lynch lb	rf Kane
Donnelly rb	lf Mathews

Score—Lowell 66, Manchester 27. Goals from floor, Holleron, Leighton 6, Getzinger 3, Kane 6, Mathews 8, Loos 1, Qualey, Lynch 2, Devlin 7, Donnelly 4. Points on fouls, Lowell 6, Manchester 7. Fouls committed, Holleron 3, Leighton 2, Getzinger, Kane 7, Mathews 7, Loos, Qualey, Regan 5, Lynch 6, Devlin 2, Donnelly 4. Referee, Michael Godley of Fitchburg. Timekepers, James Gray for Lowell, Capt. Connelly for Manchester. Attendance, 500.

AN AWFUL DRUBBING.

HAVERHILL, March 18.—The home team defeated the South Framinghams, the New England league basketball leaders, in a very fast game here last night by the overwhelming score of 72 to 23.

After the first three minutes' of play the South Framinghams had no chance to win beng outclassed by the whirlwind game the Shoe city boys put up. Big Pat Doyle of the home team made some very sensational basket shots and connected with the basket fourteen times.

Before the end of the second period he had secured thirteen baskets and was being well fed by the home players with a view of breaking the basket-shooting record but the visitors got onto the game and covered him so well that during the remainder of the game Pat was unable to connect with the basket but once.

Bucky Lew outplayed Harry Hough, scoring twice on the latter and allowing the South Framingham wonder to score but once. He verily played Hough to a standstill and with Doyle were the heroes of the occasion.

During the game not a foul was called on South Framingham and only three on the home team.

Ferat played the best game for the visiting team.

Here in Haverhill, now that the home team has struck a winning gait, its admirers look to the Shoe city boys to give Lowell another trouncing on Saturday afternoon in the Spindle city.

Lineup and summary:—

HAVERHILL	S. FRAMINGHAM
Kennedy rf	lb Mayham
Horan lf	rb Kinkaide
Wachter c	c Mulliner
Lew rb	lf Hough
Doyle lb	rf Ferat

Score—Haverhill 72, South Framingham 23. Goals from the floor—Horan 7, Kennedy 3, Wachter 5, Doyle 14, Lew 2, Ferat 7, Hough, Mulliner, Mayham, Kinkaide. Points on fouls—South Framingham. Referee—Charles Connors of Lowell. Timekeepers—Connie Driscoll for Haverhill, John F. Sullivan for South Framingham. Attendance—500.

Tomorrow the New England league championship will end and two games will be played in this city. In the afternoon the strong Haverhill team that has been defeating every team in the league, including South Framingham, will face the locals in Huntington hall and those who see the contest will get their money's worth. It will be worth going miles to see as those who have ever witnessed a game between the teams will attest. Four times it has been necessary for these two teams to engage in extra period games in order to determine a winner and in three of these Lowell has come out on top only after the hardest kind of a battle. Lowell is represented on the Haverhill team for Bucky Lew, Jimmy Harrington and Bill Keliher are members of Connie Driscoll's aggregation. The Haverhill cranks are coming up in a special car and there will be fun galore. Tomorrow evening the P. A. C. team with Allard, Tighe, O'Neil, Fields, and Abbott, will face the Lowell players for the final game of the season and there should be something doing, as the P. A. C. boys have got team work down fine and will try to defeat the Lowell team.

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500 dozen 12½c Huckaback Towels, 3 for 25c.

50 dozen Turkish Towels, 12½c each, were 17c.

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10 pieces 72 inch Bleached Damask, extra heavy, good quality, worth $1.39, only 98c a yard.

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A GRAND SUCCESS

Was C. Y. M. L. Party Last Evening

AN ENTERTAINMENT PRECEDED THE DANCE

Proceeds Go to St. Patrick's Church

The entertainment and dance of the C. Y. M. L. in Huntington hall drew a great crowd to the hall, last evening, and the affair was a grand success in every respect. The proceeds which netted a substantial amount go to the building fund of St. Patrick's church.

A novel entertainment was given in the early part of the evening and it was followed by dancing to the music of the Middlesex orchestra. The only thing in the line of booths was the lemonade table located at the left of the hall where John Joseph Hayes dispensed the cooling beverage to the dancers.

The hall was draped in red, white, blue and green bunting.

The entertainment was a vaudeville sketch, the first part being a "Musical Lawn Party," introducing specialties by several talented performers. In the "Lawn Party" Mr. John J. McNabb acted as host and he had for his guests the following: Mrs. John J. McNabb, Miss Ethel C. Ranger, Lillian M. O'Brien, Alice M. Faneuf, Elizabeth F. Connell, Pauline L. Delmore, Mary D. Doyle, Margaret J. Grennan, Alice McCarthy, Ella I. Brennan, Julia T. Allen, Anna G. Quinn, Annie G. Doyle, Lilla L. Rogers, Gertrude Mahan, Mabel McCarthy. Messrs. John L. Fahey, Frank J. McCarthy, Frank J. McNabb, Charles E. Walsh, John J. Holleran, John P. Cryan, Frank J. Higgins, J. Harry Flaherty, Thomas J. Wallace, William P. Wholey, John J. Carroll, John P. Phelan, John J. Keegan, Timothy F. Rohan, Edward J. McCarthy, Herbert R. Daly, Charles J. Mulholland, William A. Barry, William J. Enright, John McCarthy, William C. Looney. The "Lawn Party" was a huge success for both host and guests cooperated in making it enjoyable. The several numbers, all of which were encored, were as follows: "Come Back to Erin," chorus; "Killarney," Mr. John Phelan; "Kathleen Mavourneen," Miss Ethel C. Ranger; "Little Tommy Murphy," Mr. John J. Carroll; "Let Erin Remember," chorus; reading, Miss Lillian M. O'Brien; "The Wearing of the Green," Mr. Frank J. McCarthy; Finale, "Tara," Mr. John Fahey.

Part two consisted of songs and dances by Miss Bella Lavigne, queen of fairyland; a sketch, scene from Camille, by Miss Elizabeth Doran and Mr. Michael J. Mahoney, which caught the crowd, and "The Last Rose of Summer," sung by Miss Ethel Ranger.

The third and closing number proved the hit of the evening. It consisted of the roaring farce, "Rooney's Restaurant," and the several participants showed unusual talent by the manner in which they essayed the different characters. Edward McCarthy was "Reckless Ralph," the terror of the "Reckless Ralph," the terror of the plains, played the part in a style which brought out favorable comment on all sides.

The cast was made up as follows:

John Fearful, a benedict .....J. Harry Flaherty
Pat Rooney, a son of the bogs .....John J. McNabb
Reckless Ralph, the terror of the plains .....Edward McCarthy
Samuel Swellhead, a dude .....Frank Higgins
Mrs. Fearfot ..Miss Lillian M. O'Brien
Miss Catchem, an old maid .....Mrs. John J. McNabb
Accompanist, Mr. John H. Kelty.

The officers of the dance were: General manager, John M. Hogan; assistant, William A. Barry; floor director, John J. Doyle; assistant, Cornelius A. Brosnahan; chief aid, John H. Murphy; aids, John McLaughlin, William P. Callahan, Frank R. Brady, Charles R. Doyle, Maurice H. Powers, Thomas H. Rafter, William J. Enright, Joseph L. Cronin, George A. Baril, James L. Dowie, George A. Lynch, John J. Lonergan, J. Harry Flaherty, John J. Carroll, Cornelius Cronin, Eugene Queenan, John J. Holleran, William Scannell, Thomas J. Wallace, Edward Donohoe, Joseph F. Gilley, Thomas A. Mulligan, Thomas F. Sullivan, Frank J. Higgins, D. J. Devine, Louis D. Courtel, James J. Callahan, Edward F. Kearns, John A. Murphy, John J. Flynn, Robert R. Thomas, John J. Noonan, Michael J. Adams, Jeremiah A. Daly, John Lynch, Smith J. Adams.

JOHN M. HOGAN,
General Manager.

JOHN DOYLE,
Floor Director C. Y. M. L.

The general committee was made up of the following named: John M. Hogan, chairman; William A. Barry, assistant chairman; John J. Kennedy, secretary; T. F. Rohan, treasurer; Rev. John J. McHugh, John J. Carroll, Cornelius Cronin, Leland McCormack, John Brennan, John F. Leary, J. Harry Flaherty, William Giblin, Daniel S. O'Brien, John P. Curley, Thomas F. Wallace, William P. Wholey, Joseph O'Brien, John J. Lonergan, Thomas Mahoney, Joseph L. Cronin, John J. Maher, John J. Holleran, Thomas Lee, Herbert Daly, Henry F. Doran, William P. Callahan, John McLaughlin, John J. McNabb, William J. Enright, John A. Murphy, John H. Murphy, John Doyle, Cornelius Brosnahan, Charles R. Doyle, Joseph F. Gilley, Jeremiah A. Daly, Edward Donoghue, James J. Kennedy, John J. O'Connor, Dennis J. Devine, Edward J. Carroll, Edward J. McCarthy, John P. Cryan, Thomas A. Mulligan, Patrick O'Brien, Humphrey Coffey, J. J. Hayes, Hubert McLaughlin, James Rourke, James Brown, Daniel Quinn, Thomas F. Sullivan, John Lynch, Robert R. Thomas, William Scanlon, George Lynch, Jr., Smith J. Adams, John F. Murphy, Simon Riley, John J. Hanlon, John J. Sullivan, John J. Kelty, William E. Looney, George A. Baril, Louis Cofel, William Sullivan, John F. Brodley, James L. Doyle, Thomas R. Rafter, Dr. Thomas B. Smith, Dr. James Gaffney, Dr. Leon Sullivan, Michael J. Adams, John J. Coughlin, Frank J. Higgins, Michael Quinn, John F. Adams, John J. Keegan, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Mack, Albert Peterson, Daniel Leahy, James Callahan, James Morrison, Frank J. McCarthy, Alonzo Fadden, James O'Flahavan.

The reception committee consisted of: John M. Hogan, chairman; William A. Barry, assistant chairman; Rev. John J. McHugh, Timothy F. Rohan, Leland McCormack, John Brennan, John F. Leary, William Giblin, Daniel S. O'Brien, J. P. Curley, William P. Wholey, J. O'Brien, Thomas Mahoney, John Maher, Herbert Daly, Henry Doran, John J. McNabb, John H. Murphy, John J. O'Connor, William J. Carroll, Edward J. McCarthy, John Cryan, Patrick O'Brien, Humphrey Coffey, John J. Hayes, Hubert McLaughlin, James Rourke, James Brown, Daniel Quinn, John Murphy, Simon Riley, John J. Sullivan, John J. Kelty, Wm. A. Looney, William Sullivan, John Brodley, Dr. T. B. Smith, Dr. James Gaffney, Dr. Leon Sullivan, John J. Coughlin, Michael Quinn, John F. Adams, John Keegan, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Mack, Albert Peterson, Daniel Leahy, James Morris, Thomas Lee.

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CRUISER OLYMPIA

TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

COLON, March 18—The United States cruiser Olympia left here Wednesday for Porto Bello, where she will coal. The cruiser is expected to sail for the United States next week.

According to news received from the coast it is rumored that Colombia has given up the idea of invading Panama. Public opinion in many parts of the republic, especially in the department of Cauca, favors the recognition of Panama.

The Colombian gunboats Cartagena and General Pinzon are now in the harbor of Cartagena. President Marroquin is on board one of the vessels.

SPRING ELECTION

ABOLISHED IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, O., March 18—There will be no municipal elections in Ohio this spring. Gov. Herrick yesterday afternoon signed the Chapman bill abolishing spring elections and it is now a law. The term of all elective municipal officers, which would have expired in April, have been extended until after the elections next November.

A constitutional amendment providing that all state and counties officers shall be elected in the even years and all municipal officers in the odd years will be submitted to the vote of the people in 1905.

Sash curtain muslin, 10c per yard, and sash rod for 5c each, at Henry's.

HEAVY SNOW FALL.

CHICAGO, March 18—In a furious snow storm yesterday enough snow fell to make the total for the winter more than break all previous records in Chicago. The season several weeks ago was officially declared the coldest ever known here. As a result of yesterday's storm the elevated railroads of the city were brought to a standstill for two hours, discommoding thousands of passengers.

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JIMMY GARDNER SCORED A POINT

Easily Outclassed Mike Ward

CHICAGO, March 18—Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., outclassed Mike Ward of Sarnia, Ont., in their contest here last night and after six rounds of one-sided fighting was given the decision. Ward was in trouble in the third round and each succeeding round found him growing weaker. At the end of the fight he was decidedly groggy. Ward tried hard to even matters in the last round but after one minute's fighting went all to pieces and clinched constantly to keep from being knocked out.

WREATH ON GRAVE

GRANDCHILDREN HONORED PATRICK DONAHOE'S MEMORY.

BOSTON, Mar. 18—One of the touching incidents of the St. Patrick's day observances took place in St. Augustine's cemetery, in South Boston, when a beautiful wreath of gay leaves and flowers, the gift of his grandchildren, was placed on the monument that marks the last resting place of the late Patrick Donahoe, founder of The Pilot.

They carry out this beautiful custom on each recurring St. Patrick's day, which, by a happy coincidence, was the day of his birth, and by another coincidence, marked the close of his long, honored and useful life.

A purple silk ribbon was attached to the wreath, which bore the word "Grandpa". This custom of the grandchildren is also carried out on Memorial day and Christmas. Mr. Donahoe died three years ago.

"KELLY AND BURKE AND SHEA."

Lowell, March 15.

Editor Sun:—Will you kindly inform me where I can find that stirring Irish poem, the title of which, I believe, is "Kelly, Burke and Shea," or can you print it in The Sun?

Respectfully,
A SUN READER.

The poem referred to is entitled "The Fighting Race," and is given below.—Ed.

THE FIGHTING RACE.

"Read out the names!" and Burke sat back,
And Kelly dropped his head,
While Shea—they call him Scholar Jack—
Went down the list of the dead,
Officers, seamen, gunners, marines,
The crews of the gig and yawl,
The bearded man and the lad in his teens,
Carpenters, coal passers—all.
Then knocking the ashes from out his pipe,
Said Burke in an off-hand way:
"We're all in that dead man's list, by cripe!
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well, here's to the Maine, and I'm sorry for Spain,"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Wherever there's trouble there's 'trouble," said Burke;
"Wherever fighting's the game,
Or a spice of danger in grown man's work,"
Said Kelly, "you'll find my name."
"And do we fall short," said Burke, getting mad,
"When it's touch and go for life?"
Said Shea: "It's thirty odd years, bedad,
Since I charged to drum and fife
Up Marye's Heights, and my old canteen
Stopped a rebel ball on its way.
There were blossoms of blood on our sprigs of green—
Kelly and Burke and Shea—

And the dead didn't brag," "Well, here's to the flag!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"I wish 'twas in Ireland, for there's the place,"
Said Burke, "that we'd die by right
In the cradle of our soldier race
After one good stand-up fight.
My grandfather fell on Vinegar Hill,
And fighting was not his trade;
But his rusty pikes in the cabin still,
With Hessian blood on the blade."
"Aye, aye," said Kelly; "the pikes were great.
When the word was 'clear the way;'
We were thick on the roll in ninety-eight—
Kelly and Burke and Shea."
"Well here's to the pike and the sword and the like!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

And Shea, the scholar, with rising joy,
Said: "We were at Ramilies,
We left our bones at Fontenoy,
And up in the Pyrenees
Before Dunkirk on Lauden's plain,
Cremona, Lille and Ghent.
We've all over Austria, France and Spain.
Wherever they pitched a tent.
We've died for England from Waterloo To Egypt and Dargai;
And still there's enough for a corps or crew,
Kelly and Burke and Shea.

"Oh, the fightin' graces don't die out,
If they seldom die in bed
For love is first in their hearts, no doubt,
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.
"When Michael, the Irish Archangel, stands,
The angel with the sword,
And the battle-dead from a hundred lands,
Are ranged in one big horde,
Our line that for Gabriel's trumpet waits,
Will stretch three deep that day,
From Jehosaphat to the Golden Gates—
Kelly and Burke and Shea.
"Well, here's thank God for the race and the sod!"
Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

PEACH CROP SAFE.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 18—The Constitution today quotes J. N. Hale, one of Georgia's leading peach growers, as saying:

"Georgia's peach crop, which will be the largest and finest ever raised, is safe from cold weather. Even a drop in temperature to 25 degrees above zero would not seriously damage the crop. The bloom came three weeks later than the average this year and the flowers are the healthiest and most perfect I have ever seen."

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

BERLIN, March 18—Huen Sik Hong, secretary of the Korean legation here, who committed suicide by shooting Wednesday, was engaged to an actress. The actress attended the funeral yesterday and laid a wreath on the coffin with the inscription: "We shall meet again soon."

One lot of plain muslin, hemmed-stitched edge curtains for 59c per pair, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

Gen. Wood's Defenders Feel Happy

WASHINGTON, March 18—With the paraphernalia for playing Jai Alai, a game which figures conspicuously in the contest against the confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general, members of the United States senate amused themselves for more than an hour yesterday afternoon, protected from the gaze of the public by the closed doors of an executive session.

A lively interest was manifested in the game. Senators Proctor, Cockrell, Quarles, Foraker, Teller Scott, Pettus, Blackburn and others who participated in the hearings before the military affairs committee, were the exponents of Jai Alai.

Senators Cockrell and Foraker, who have paid extensive visits to Cuba, while the "Pelota" season was at its height, explained that the gambling features of the game are not essentially to its adoption by the Cubans, while Senators Blackburn, Scott and Teller contended that without the betting privileges the Jai Alai company would not have made application to Gen. Wood for the concession.

Gen. Wood's defenders scored a point. Senator Patterson admitted that he had spent a day studying the testimony in regard to the game, and had come to the conclusion that it contained nothing detrimental to General Wood's conduct and no reason for opposition to his confirmation. The senator said that he had expected to oppose confirmation on the strength of the testimony against Gen. Wood, but that a more urgent reason than that must be advanced. In regard to Jai Alai, the principal speakers were Senators Culberson, Patterson, Teller, Hoar, Proctor, and Blackburn.

Senator Quarles resumed his speech in support of the nomination, when the senate went into executive session at 12.53 p. m., and held the floor until 4 p. m. It had been expected that Senator Teller would follow, but on account of the late hour a general discussion was had instead.

Senator Foraker will speak today in defence of Gen. Wood and will occupy most of the day. This will carry the case over until Saturday night at least, as Senators Teller and Alger both are scheduled for speeches. Senator Alger is armed with a letter written to Gen. Wood by Senator Teller on February 15, 1901, complimenting him for his "deserved promotion" on the occasion of Wood's confirmation as brigadier general. Senator Alger expects to use this letter against Senator Teller when the latter makes his speech in opposition to Wood's confirmation to be major general.

MAJORITY REDUCED

GOVERNMENT HAD MARGIN OF 19 VOTES.

PARIS, March 18.—Considerable importance is attached in political circles to the reduction of the government's majority in the chamber of deputies yesterday, a vote of confidence being carried only by 284 to 265. The socialist deputy, M. Millerand, interpellated the government on the non-execution of pledges given on the subject of workmen's pensions. M. Combes replied that the government had not neglected any of its pledges and that the three great questions of religious, military and fiscal reform, were sufficient to occupy any legislature. The interpellation, he said, was merely to create a diversion from the struggle against the congregations.

M. Jaures, the socialist leader, strongly supported the government but the vote of confidence resulted as stated.

INCREASE IN FLOUR

CAUSES REDUCTION IN SIZE OF LOAF OF BREAD.

BOSTON, March 18—The Master Bakers' association last night voted to reduce the size of loaves of bread by at least two ounces to the pound. The bakers say that the reduction in the size of the loaf will not make up for the increased price of flour and that there is no reason for their customers to complain.

SINGER STRIKE

FRENCH GRAND OPERA COMPANY REFUSED TO PERFORM.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The French grand opera company of New Orleans, which began at the Casino theatre on Monday what was to have been a three weeks' engagement, struck last night after the audience was seated and after a wordy warfare left the house in a body. The singers refused to appear because back pay was not forthcoming to several of them. Yesterday M. Charley, the manager, started for New Orleans to raise money and when the members of the company were informed of his departure they summarily quit.

HENRY KILLILEA

SAYS THAT BAN JOHNSON IS RIGHT.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 18—Henry Killilea, of this city, proprietor of the Boston American league baseball team, in an interview yesterday, upheld the stand taken by President Ban Johnson of the American league in the schedule controversy. He said:

"After the American league committee adopted and gave the public its proposed schedule, the National, without consultation, made certain changes, notably so, as to the New York National opening in Brooklyn.

"Every lover of the national game would deplore a return of the conditions of the past two years, but even peace is too dear at the price of broken promises and breaches of faith.

"I hope to see an entirely new schedule adopted by the American and if the National sees . to treat that as a case for war, then let it come."

LETTER OF COMMENDATION.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling has sent a letter of commendation to the commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet regarding the record made by the battleship and cruiser squadron during the cruise from Yokohama to Honolulu and return to the Philippines. In this letter the acting secretary says:

"That the vessels of these two squadrons should arrive at their destination after this long cruise in good condition without need of repairs is an indication of an excellent state of preparedness and efficiency. The engineer's force is worthy of special commendation."

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TWO ARRESTED

Police Recover Rhoades Jewels

NEW YORK, March 18.—Detectives from police headquarters arrested last night two men who, they say, robbed Mrs. J. Harson Rhoades, Jr., daughter-in-law of the banker of that name, of $5000 worth of jewels a month ago. Inspector McClusky says that one of the men has confessed.

Mrs. Rhoades reported to Inspector McClusky on Feb. 24 that she had been robbed of $5000 worth of jewelry while she was on her way to Boston. She left for Boston on Feb. 11. She said she believed the driver who had taken her to the grand central station had stolen the jewels. When Mrs. Rhoades left her house, 102 East 35th street, her butler handed a dress suit case containing some of her wearing apparel and the jewelry to the driver. The suit case was so full that it could not be closed tightly and the jewel case was exposed to view. At the station Mrs. Rhoades was met by her husband. He handed the suit case to a porter who carried it to the train. When she got to Boston, at 1 o'clock that night, the jewels were gone. The Boston police searched the pawnshops without avail.

Inspector McClusky put detectives Summer and Cooney at work on the case. They discovered that a man had been disposing of jewels answering the description of those stolen from Mrs. Rhoades, one piece at a time, at pawnshops.

The carriage in which Mrs. Rhoades was driven to the station had been hired from W. H. Scalch's Waldorf-Astoria stables, 48 West 32d street. The driver was John Hendrickson. The detectives watched the drivers of this stable until they saw a man who answered the description of the one who had been at the pawnshops. His movements were suspicious, and they arrested him. He said he was Oliver Finley of 229 East 40th street.

Inspector McClusky questioned him yesterday and he confessed that he was the person who had been pawning Mrs. Rhoades' jewels. He said, however, that he received the jewelry from John Hendrickson of 355 East 66th street. Hendrickson was arrested.

According to Finley's confession, Hendrickson, in driving Mrs. Rhoades to the station, noticed the jewel case, pulled it out of the suit case and concealed it under his blanket. Most of the jewelry has been recovered.

GILLAM MEETING.

The fourth in the series of union evangelistic meetings was held at the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening by Evangelist Ralph M. Gillam. The announcement that Mr. Gillam would preach especially to men on the subject of "Skepticism," brought a large number of the latter, who together with the unusually large attendance of women, filled the church to overflowing. The sermon was a powerful presentation of the subject.

The services today will be the closing ones of the week and will be held as follows: Women's meeting at 2.15, led by Miss E. M. Skilton. Preaching at 3 and 7.30 p. m., by Evangelist Gillam. Evening, subject, "Blindness." These services will all be held in the Westminster church, Tyler street, Rev. H. B. Foster, pastor.

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AT FESTIVE BOARD

Knights of Columbus Observed the Night

EXERCISES WERE DELIGHTFULLY INFORMAL

Distinguished Guests From Out-of-Town

Lowell Council, Knights of Columbus, observed St. Patrick's night with a banquet which proved to be one of the most completely successful social affairs in the history of the council. Over 200 members were present, the oldest and youngest being there while members from out of town, including State Deputy Joseph Pelletier of Boston and State Secretary William J. O'Brien of Cambridge. Another enjoyable feature of the evening was the debut of the Lowell council orchestra, T. A. D. Sullivan director, which furnished a most acceptable program during the evening. The banquet was held in the council chamber which was tastefully decorated in dainty colors and ablaze with incandescent lights. A fine menu was served after which Past Grand Knight Robert J. Thomas called to order and introduced as toastmaster, Grand Knight Dennis J. Murphy. The post-prandial exercises were delightfully informal and thoroughly enjoyed. The speakers were State Deputy Pelletier and State Secretary O'Brien, Hugh J. Molloy, Daniel J. Donahue, Lawrence Cummings, Rev. James A. Walsh and Rev. W. George Mullin. A musical program went between the speeches, arranged by William F. Thornton and comprised selections by the orchestra and songs by Joseph F. Murphy, Charles McCarthy, James E. Donnelly, James M. Fagan, William B. Ready, Daniel J. Donahue, William Martin, Cornelius Sheehan.

The exercises were kept merrily going until midnight when the grand chorus, "America," brought the pleasant affair to a close.

The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of the following members: Robert J. Thomas, chairman; Dennis J. Murphy, William F. Sullivan, Philip J. Breen, Timothy V. Wholey, James P. McKeon, Rev. James A. Walsh, Lenis J. Crowley, Henry J. Heaps, William F. Thornton and John J. Brine.

A dainty souvenir in the shape of a pocket cigar case was given each member with the compliments of the Merrimack Clothing Co.

FOR LARCENY

JOSEPH CARPENTER LOST A FIVE DOLLAR BILL.

Thomas Hennessey and his wife, Margaret, were arrested from their home in North street last evening by Inspector Walsh and Patrolman Ealy in the charge of larceny and drunkenness.

They were arrested upon complaint of Joseph Carpenter, who alleged that Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey separated him from a $5 bill. Carpenter was asked into Hennessey's by Mrs. Hennessey, who wanted to borrow fifty cents. Carpenter said he did not have anything smaller than a $5 bill and consequently could not accommodate his hostess. She said something about not believing Carpenter and in order to place himself in a truthful light, he produced the bill, whereupon it was snatched from his hand by the woman.

He claims he tried to have her return the money and finally reported the matter to the police. The money was found between some of the bed clothes and was returned to its owner.

GOING AWAY

REV. J. F. ALLEN HAS COMPLETED FIVE YEARS' PASTORATE.

Rev. J. F. Allen and his family were tendered a reception at the Worthen Street M. E. church last evening. Mr. Allen has completed a five years' pastorate and has announced to the conference that he does not desire to be returned to Lowell this year.

Receiving with Rev. and Mrs. Allen last evening were Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Leland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Irvine, and Miss Julia B. Wilson and Mr. A. E. Avery.

The vestry, in one corner of which the receiving party stood, was decorated with the Epworth league colors, red and white. A lemonade table, in the opposite corner, was presided over by Mrs. J. W. Pead and Mrs. Charles Kidder. At the refreshment table, the ladies who poured were Mrs. Thomas Brady, Mrs. Hugh Green, Mrs. Lester Wills, and Mrs. Robert Gilmore. Miss Agnes Lovejoy had general charge of the refreshments.

During the evening Miss Stella Isabel Wilson sang, and an original poem, written for the occasion by Miss Nellie M. Brown, was read by Miss Ethel Smith.

The pastor and his wife were presented a handsome clock.

Best white china matting 30c per yard, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

ARCHBISHOP FARLEY

MAY BE ELEVATED TO THE CARDINALATE.

ROME, March 18—Archbishop Farley left for home yesterday. Everybody in Rome regards the archbishop's elevation to the cardinalate as certain to occur at the consistory after next.

The pope himself furnishes many indications of this approaching elevation. His holiness speaks about Archbishop Farley to every bishop visiting the vatican especially praising the apostolic work done in New York among the Italians.

BOLD ROBBERY

ITALIAN SHOE DEALER GAVE UP HIS MONEY.

BOSTON, March 18—Frank Zataro, an Italian proprietor of a small shoe store on Pitts street, was the victim of a bold robbery last night.

Two strange Italians entered the store, made a pretence of looking at some shoes, and suddenly turned out the light and held a dirk at Zataro's throat. The terrified proprietor gave them $300, all the money in the store, and the robbers escaped.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Frederick Leslie Barnard of Providence and Miss Elsie Warren were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. C. E. Fisher.

"REGGIE" VANDERBILT

JEROME WANTS HIM FOR A WITNESS.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 18.—"I want to put Richard Canfield in state prison, and I want Reginald Vanderbilt of New York as a witness to help me do it," declared Dist. Atty. William Traverse Jerome to the senate code committee yesterday for a hearing on the Dowling witness bill, which makes it possible for a witness to give testimony without having his evidence used against him, and eliminating the excuse of declining to testify through fear of incriminating himself.

Senator Elsberg said he looked at it from the standpoint of a witness who has a constitutional protection, and he was not anxious to assist in enacting a law that would alter constitutional rights.

Mr. Jerome said he had found obstructions placed in his way from the beginning. "As for Canfield," he added, "I am willing to place my own certificate of election in escrow, so confident am I that he will be convicted. This bill as it stands will prevent my sending him to prison, and it is simply a question whether the legislature wants to place itself on record. Canfield is not the only one in New York that I am after."

"We can always agree," said Mr. Elsberg, "if you will present your arguments to the committee instead of publishing statements in the newspapers."

Mr. Jerome replied that he had found that oftimes the legislature did not clearly perceive its duty until there had been newspaper comment. "When I meet difficulty after difficulty," he said, "in cornering the big fellows, who escape simply because they are rich or have rich men using their influence in their behalf, why, I use all the weapons at my disposal. And when I find a legislature not disposed to enact a bill to assist me in prosecuting an ex-convict and gambler, it doesn't conduce to my respect for the legislature. All of us holding public office are a little better off for being jackedup occasionally and being watched carefully."

SUDDEN DEATH

OF THOMAS WELCH AT HEREFORD PLACE.

Thomas Welch died very suddenly last night about midnight at his home, 3 Hereford place, off Marshall street. Death was due to heart failure.

Mrs Welch was awakened by midnight by hearing a fall and arising from her bed found her husband on the floor. She placed him on the bed and found that he was dead. He had been enjoying good health and seemed to be in the best of health when he retired last night.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret and three sons, Richard, James and Frank, also a grandchild. The body was removed to the funeral parlors of Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy in Market street.

JOLLY TIME

COTTON WEAVERS ENJOYED THEMSELVES LAST NIGHT.

Spinners' hall last night was the scene of a merry agthering. The cotton weavers were holding forth and they enjoyed themselves to their hearts content. They danced from 8 o'clock until midnight.

Thomas F. McDonough was general manager and Peter Holden, floor director. Refreshments served by a committee consisting of Miss Mary Goodrow, Miss Annie McMullen, John Dalton and Fred Minor.

PRESIDENT ANGRY

JUDGE HOLMES HAS INCURRED HIS DISPLEASURE.

NEW YORK, March 18—A Washington despatch to the World says the president is angry at Justice Holmes of the Supreme court for having joined with Chief Justice Fuller and Justices White and Peckham in the dissenting opinion in the Northern Securities case, and that Mr. Roosevelt is not going to any great trouble to conceal his displeasure.

The trouble with Justice Holmes was that he reached his conclusion from his own interpretation of the law, instead of deciding the question as Mr. Roosevelt wanted him to and expected him to. Justice Holmes is to pay for his independence of thought by being practically ostracised from the White House, where he was installed in high favor when he first came to Washington after his appointment last fall.

The president's anger has carried him so far that he would remove Mr. Holmes if he could, but as that is impossible, he will show his resentment by shutting the White House door in Mr. Holmes' face.

The president believed the only dissenters to the merger decision would be the three democratic members—Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justices White and Peckham. There was no one the president was more certain would sustain the government's contention than Justice Holmes, whom Roosevelt appointed. To say nothing of the law, the president was satisfied that Mr. Holmes would support him in a case that meant much to the president politically.

Mr. Holmes astounded the president, when he was at the White House a week ago, by an intimation that he did not agree with Att. Gen. Knox's interpretation of the law. The argument that followed this suggestion was heated, and Mr. Holmes has not been at the White House since then. Before that he called two or three times a week.

STEVENS DEBATING CLUB.

A meeting of the Solon W. Stevens Debating club was held last night. As usual there was an interesting debate, the subject being:

"Resolved: That the world owes more to navigation than railroads."

The affirmative was upheld by C. L. Cutler and the negative by Ralph Richardson and Ernest Atkinson.

The debating committee reported that the final arrangements had been made with the Franklin Debating club for the next debate, which will be held in the First Congregational church, April 7. The question will be:

"Resolved, That the United States should be more favorable to Japan than Russia in the war of the Far East."

The Stevens club will uphold the affirmative side. The gentlemen selected to debate on the question are: S. W. Stevens club, W. W. Graham, George A. Mevis, John W. Wainwright; Franklin club, P. J. Begley, John H. Murphy, John M. O'Donoghue.

TIM KEARNS BEATEN.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 18.—Tommy Sullivan defeated Tim Kearns in the sixth round of their bout before the West End Athletic club last night. Sullivan had the better of the fight all the way through.

A SWEEPING REDUCTION IN

Braid Ornaments

Worth 12½c to 25c each. To close out quickly we have marked them 5c Each

PAT. LEATHER BELTS 10c.

New lot just in; all have harness buckles.

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Attractively mounted in book form, Platino finish, a very artistic work. Be sure and see it.

A Special Sale of

DOMESTICS

Opened yesterday morning. These occasions are very interesting for prudent housewives, for they can replenish their stock of needfuls at infinitesimal prices. We have a large and generous supply of the following good things, probably enough to last through the selling today and tomorrow.

One thing, however, you should remember for your own benefit: Many lots are so small we never mention them in our advertisement and usually those lots are the cream of the sale. 'Twas so in this sale and 'tis the same in every sale we hold.

DARK PRINTS, 3¾c YARD—Worth 5c.

FIGURED DENIM, 10c YARD—1 to 10 yard pieces, worth 12½c yard.

SASH CURTAINS, 25c PAIR—Dots, figures and stripes, all made ready to put up; goods sell for 12½c yard.

SILK GINGHAMS, 15c YARD—You know what they usually sell for. Just a little soiled, that's the reason you can buy them for 15c yard.

DANISH CLOTH, 12½c YD.—21 colors in the assortment; 15c yard they usually sell for.

CHECK NAINSOOK, 9c YARD—Also fancy White Goods, worth 15c yard.

LONSDALE CAMBRIC, 10c YARD—Short lengths, worth 12½c yard.

WAMSUTTA BLEACHED COTTON, 9c YARD—Always sells for 12½c yard.

BLEACHED SHEETS, 37c EACH—Cheaper than the cloth to make them; worth 50c.

PILLOW SLIPS, 7½c EACH—Size 42 x 36 and 45 x 36, linen finish, worth 10c.

PLAIN DENIM, 12½c YARD—The kind that sells on the piece for 19c yard. These are short lengths.

MADRAS, 12½c YARD—Beautiful stripes, 32 in. wide, short lengths, worth 25c yard.

RED TABLE COVERS, 39c EACH—2 yards long, warranted fast colors, worth 50c each.

FINE GINGHAMS, 6¼c YARD—Everett Classics; good value at 8c yard.

FLEMISH LACE MATERIAL, 15c YARD—Excellent for dresses and waists; 5 to 20 yd. pieces; worth 25c yard.

EDINBOROUGH ZEPHYR GINGHAMS, 10c YARD—Also Bates' Ginghams. They regularly sell for 12½c and 15c yard.

WOMEN'S LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, 12 FOR 25c—Usually sell for 3 for 10c.

CREAM DAMASK, 25c YARD—60 in. wide, worth 39c yard.

HUCKABUCK TOWELS, 3 FOR 25c—Size 42x19, usually 12½c each.

STRIPED GINGHAMS, 5c YARD—Blue and white and grey and white, regularly 8c yard.

BED PILLOWS, 98c PAIR—See if you can match them for $1.50 a pair.

MEN'S WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS, 9 FOR 25c—Usually 5c each.

WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, 6 FOR 25c—Lace Bordered, regularly 3 for 25c.

PERCALES, 10c YD.—Short lengths, dark and light colors, worth 12½c yard.

ECLIPSE FLANNEL, 9c YARD—Balance of our winter stock, worth 15c yard.

WHITE GOODS, 11c YARD—Remnants of Waistings and Muslins; on the piece they sell for 19c and 25c yard.

MERCERIZED GINGHAMS, 12½c YD.—A wide range of styles, plain colors and stripes, actually worth 25c yard.

BED SPREADS, $1.19—Very heavy, colors or white, worth $1.50 each.

SHIRTING PRINTS, 4c YD.—12,000 yards of the best quality, bought before the advance in prices; selling today for 6½c yard.

SILKALINES, 6¼c YD.—Full pieces; a job bought very cheap; good patterns. Now's the time to recover your comforters; regular price 12½c yard.

FIT AND SATISFACTION

There are some things which can't be improved. One of these things is the "QUEEN QUALITY" Shoe for women.

You can make it more elaborate, you can decorate it, use costly materials and all that; but for one hundred dollars a pair you cannot make a better shoe than "QUEEN QUALITY," having regard solely to the two great essentials of FIT AND STYLE.

This means that mechanically it is perfect. As for appearance the fact that hundreds of thousands of women chose it instantly above all others would seem to indicate that it is attractive.

Why don't you go so far as to try on a pair the next time you go to the store. It costs nothing to see them fit your foot.

Boots $3, Specials $3.50 Oxfords $2.50, Specials $3

A Special Sale

WOMEN'S WRAPPERS

The material is a corded novelty fabric, thoroughly washable.

Two styles in the assortment. One is made plain effect; the other has fancy braid trimmings, epaulets over shoulders and fancy yoke; both have deep flounces.

The sizes are generous, no skimping in any way. If you were to pay $1.25 or $1.50 for them you'd consider them good values. However, today and tomorrow you'll find them here for

83c Each

A New Line of

SOFA PILLOW

Tops and Backs

We say tops and backs, but we are also showing a goodly assortment of Slips, ready for the pillow. These are made in Denim, Tapestry, etc., and are very serviceable as well as ornamental. The prices range from

25c to 49c Each

In regard to tops stamped for working, we are showing some new designs just out this spring, which are very attractive.

Pansies, Wild Roses, Apple Blossoms, Fleur de Lis, Pinks, Poppies, Basket of Roses, Jack Roses, etc. Also a line of Lithographed Tops, which are very popular this season: Dutch Scenes, Priscilla, Smoke Girl, Indian Girl, etc.

Prices Range from 25c to 49c

See our window full of the 25c kind, a line on which we are particularly strong.

Take a Little Time and Visit Our

WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT

This week we are making a special showing of TWENTY-FIVE CENT FABRICS, and we want you to see the many handsome novelties we have gathered for your approval. Fully 25 separate weaves in the collection. A few of which are Satin Poplins, Dorset Suitings, Satin Stripe Voiles, Plain Voiles, Voiles Sextettes, Scrim Cloth, Twine Cloth, Silk Checked Oxford, Mercerized Basket Cloth, Mercerized Cheviots, Karnak, Fancy Jacquards, Panama Suitings, Antique Swivel Novelties, Bourree, Silk Rayee, Silk Gauze, and several handsome Linen fabrics all at

25c Per Yard

LUCK

The new Breakfast Food; made from California White Wheat. Served free in Basement with cream and sugar.

2 Packages for 25c

With every 25c worth $2.00 worth of Green Stamps given extra.

Echoes From the

RIBBON SALE

RIBBONS FROM A THIRD TO A HALF UNDERPRICE—Buying good seasonable merchandise at this reduction is rather unusual to say the least, but this is an unusual gathering. We have had them several times a year in this section, but there is a strong doubt if we can have another one this season. They are "Loom Ends" (short pieces from 1 to 6 yards long). Your saving will be as follows:

6c Grade	3c Yard	15c and 17c Grade	9c Yard
7c Grade	4c Yard	19c and 23c Grade	12½c Yard
10c Grade	5c Yard	25c and 29c Grade	15c Yard
12c Grade	7c Yard	35c and 39c Grade	19c Yard

In the assortment are Satin Gros Grains, Metallic Taffetas, Satin Liberties, Satin Taffetas and Plain Taffetas.

Last Call in

HOOPER KNIT HOSIERY

For Women. Probably enough to last us through until Saturday night, not longer than that if the selling keeps up, and we think it will for "Women Folks" know a bargain when they see one. If you want to KNOW the exact truth, ask some of your friends who have bought them, or see them on our counters.

They are Fast Black, French feet, high spliced heels, double soles and toes; worth 25c a pair.

Now three pairs for 50c

Four Attractive

SHIRT WAIST VALUES

Two of these numbers we advertised last week. We were afraid at that time that we couldn't get another shipment, but fortunately another invoice of each style has been received. The values are so meritorious they will bear repetition.

No. 1. A Linen Waist at 98c

Excellent quality material; the front is made with broad tucks, hemstitched, tucked back, large sleeves, tucked cuffs and stock. They are worth $1.50 each.

No. 2. A Union Linen Waist at $1.50

The front has a wide panel of "Genuine linen Mexican Work," in asst. patterns; on either side of panel are 3 broad tucks; tucked back, large sleeves; 2 1-2 in. cuffs and tab stock. They are worth $2.00.

THE TWO FOLLOWING STYLES ARE NEW ARRIVALS.

A Figured Madras at 98c

White grounds with dark figures, 6 broad tucks compose the front, tucked back, full sleeves, tab collar; an excellent value.

A Fine Brilliantine at $2.98

In all the new browns, tans and greys; also navy blue and black; tucked to the bust and wide tucked panel trimmed, with 2 rows gilt buttons; tucked back, the new sleeves, stitched cuffs and stock.

A Worthy

CORSET VALUE

Two new numbers we have just received, which go on sale this morning. One is a fine Batiste "F. P." CORSET, STYLE NO. 559, suitable for medium and small figures, low bust, medium hip, full gored, straight front and lace trimmed.

The other is also a Batiste Corset, C. B. A LA SPIRITE, STYLE NO. 219, suitable for the large, full figure. Long over abdomen, dip hip, medium bust with double bust gores, trimmed with lace and blue bebe ribbon.

These two numbers are very special and are worth $1.00 per pair. However, we have put them on sale for two days at

69c Pair

Five New Numbers in

JERSEY UNDERWEAR

Items Which are Worth Reading About

WOMEN'S VESTS AND PANTS, AT 39c—Medium weight, high neck, long sleeves, neck run with silk braid. Knee and ankle length pants. These are Seconds of "Harvard Mills" production, a grade which sells for 50c. If you can detect the imperfections you'll have to have sharp eyes. Also Union Suits, same grade as above, at 49c each; and light weight Suits with knee pants, 49c a garment.

WOMEN'S VESTS AND PANTS, 25c EACH—High neck, long sleeves, medium weight. Knee and ankle length pants. These sell regularly for 29c. Today and tomorrow 25c.

WOMEN'S JERSEY DRAWERS, 25c PAIR—Lace trimmed, Umbrella styles, opened and closed. Also tight-fitting garments; medium and light weights; splendid values for the money.

Men! Here are Two Things in

HOSIERY

You Can't Afford to Pass

MEN'S COTTON ½ HOSE, 4 PAIRS FOR 25c—In Black and Tan, fast colors, spliced heels and toes, worth 10c pair straight.

MEN'S HOOPER KNIT ½ HOSE, 2 PAIRS FOR 25c—In Black, Navy, Cadet and Tan, double heel, sole and toe, genuine Maccoyarn, first quality, fast colors, worth 25c pair.

This may sound unreasonable and we'll admit it does at present price of cotton, but we want you to see these Stockings before you become a doubting Thomas.

ORANGES

Sweet California Navels; good, large ones; sweet and juicy.

18 for 25c

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.43	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.23	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.38	7.30	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.03	e9.00	9.47
a7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.55	a11.17	11.34
7.45	8.55	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
b11.42	12.25	e3.00	3.47
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
e1.56	2.39	e5.00	5.37
a3.08	4.20	5.38	6.25
a3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
e5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
e6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
a7.39	8.10	11.20	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
a8.09	7.50	9.00	10.00
a7.24	6.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a9.30	10.35	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.50	e8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.30	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.33	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.35	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.55	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.03
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.05	6.43	9.39	10.40
6.15	7.15	b11.15	12.15
7.00	8.06		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.55	5.18	5.00	6.37
5.10	5.56		
8.00	9.05		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

a Via Bedford.

e Express.

b From Middlesex Street Station only.

B Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

LOCAL NEWS

Stationery—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

Stair oil cloth 8c per yard, at Henry's.

T. A. D. Sullivan, wholesale grocer.

Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott St.

Secure your saddle horses at O'Donnell's stables for St. Patrick's day.

Big sale at Reliable Cooper's Cloak and Suit Store.

SCULPTOR STEVENSON DEAD.

LONDON, March 18.—David Watson Stevenson, the sculptor, died at Edinburgh this morning. He was born in 1845.

BULGARIAN GIRL

VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE IN MANCHURIA.

ODESSA, March 18.—A Bulgarian girl named Sorka Ilieva, who fought and was wounded in the ranks of the Macedonian insurgents, has arrived here and volunteers for service in Manchuria. She wears masculine attire, is an expert horsewoman, and handles rifle and sword. The girl saw General Kuulbars, the commander-in-chief, here, who promised to endorse her application. She brought with her a full campaign equipment.

One pair muslin curtains and rod complete for 35 cents, at Henry's, 360 Merrimack street.

DAVIS IS HELD

Carlisle Man Accused of Embezzlement

George P. Davis, the tax collector of Carlisle, who absconded with $1800 of the town's money in 1902, was arraigned in the superior court at East Cambridge yesterday. He entered a plea of not guilty, and was held in $2500 for trial in this session of the criminal court.

State Detective Whitney arrested Davis in Los Angeles, Cal., where he was ill in a hospital, last week. He waived extradition proceedings, and arrived here early yesterday morning. His father, John P. Davis, a selectman, of Carlisle, reimbursed the town for the full amount of his son's embezzlement.

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WAR NEWS

A dispatch from Japan says: The Japanese goods have advanced twenty-five per cent., so don't miss this opportunity. It is a chance of a lifetime. We are having a clearance sale of all Japanese and eastern art work. We give you 25 to 35 per cent. discount on all goods. Come in and examine our prices. The only sale of its kind ever offered in Lowell. THE CRIENTAL BAZAAR, 318 Merrimack street.

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TEXTILE SCHOOL

Severely Attacked by Rep. Bennett

The Lowell Textile school was severely criticized by Representative Bennett of Saugus at the state house yesterday.

He appeared before the committee on education in favor of his bill for an investigation of the textile schools of the state. He said in part:

"When I came out of college I went into a cotton mill. I regretted that I did not have a textile education, and said as much to my overseer. He told me that he had attended an evening textile school, and doubted whether it was worth the while, since the instructors were not practical men.

"I believe that since the state expends so much money for an important purpose, it should spend it only to the best advantage. The cotton industry, as large as it is, does not comprise the manufacturing of the state. If the state is going to spend money lavishly for textile instruction it must meet demands for appropriations for other industries. The sum of $252,000 has already been expended by the state upon the Lowell school. The city has given $66,000. In all, the state has given half a million to textile schools.

"The city of Lowell itself has four trustees on the board there. The labor organizations have but one trustee. Many of the self-perpetuating trustees have not had practical experience in the mill, and can't tell what is of vital importance in textile instruction.

"What does the commonwealth know about the expenditure of the money that it has granted, or concerning the policy of te schools? Isn't it time to take an account of stock and look over the property?

"The time to make a friendly investigation is now. Men to serve on a commission could easily be found, and the expense would not be large. I had the pleasure this week of talking with a man who thinks that the technical schools in England are better than they are in America. I will file two English examination papers with the committee. They are intensely practical and are held by royal examiners. In a recent examination only 11 out of 30 were allowed to receive diplomas.

"My bill doesn't provide for such examiners, but asks for a general overhauling and remodelling of the system. The schools should be run on one plan, not hit or miss. In England 50 pupils to a teacher are not unusual, and there is no principal at all. The instructors are so expert that manufacturers often turn to them. Instructors of our textile schools are not called upon as experts. The only case I know of is the instructor chemistry and dyeing at the Lowell school.

"In England a graduate is able to take charge of an entire mill when he gets his diploma. The Lowell school has turned out only seven graduates who have been employed in the mills of the trustees, and four have gone into one mill. Not a graduate has been employed by an officer of the school. They were not thought good enough for that."

"I admit that there is a fine plant in each city and that the trustees are honest, but the schools have been unable to produce men capable of taking any but humble positions in the mill. I could make charges and prove them if I cared to. The quantity of wool used in Lowell is but a few pounds at a time."

"Do you know that for a fact?" asked James T. Smith.

"I can present evidence if the committee desires it. The instructors in finishing and chemistry and the man in charge of the Lowell school are not practical mill men."

James T. Smith appeared for the Lowell school. He said that he was not opposed to a commission when the proper time came.

Thomas Walsh replied to statements made by Mr. Bennett and said that the men in charge of the school are practical men.

James T. Smith spoke at some length in defense of the school and lauding it as the best of the kind in existence.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The young ladies of St. John's parish conducted a delightful entertainment in the town hall in aid of the church, last evening, and the hall was packed, some 600 people being in attendance.

The North Chelmsford brass band was in attendance and rendered a number of Irish airs before the performance began. The opening number was a fine exhibition of bag punching by John E. Desmond, lately of Keith's theatre. Master Desmond made a big hit. The other numbers were as follows: Character duet, Nellie and George Waugh; reading, "Erin Flag," Miss Lottie Lowe; song, selected, Miss Katie Fay; dancing, Miss Blanche Kelley; duet, Miss Annie and Emily Deeney; harmonica selections, Charles Glidden.

Part two of the program consisted of a very laughable farce, entitled "The Duchess of Dublin."

The cast of characters was as follows:

Dr. Adam Aconite, a young physician, Walter J. McEnaney; Frank Friskey, the cause of it all, John J. O'Connell; Oliver Oldbrick, rich and gouty, Thomas H. Murphy; Silas Sharpest, a speculator, John E. Hogan; Dennis Dolan, a widower, John E. Harrington; Peter Plumpface, with a bad cough, Frank Munyan; Annie Aconite, the doctor's sister, Miss Clara J. McCoy; Lucy Linden, a milliner, Miss Tessie McCabe, Miss Abigail Allove, an autograph hunter, Miss Alice Riney; Maggie Mullen, the Duchess of Dublin, Miss Kitty Curry.

Among those present were Rev. Edward T. Schofield and Rev. John McNamara, and both were highly pleased at the entertainment.

Mr. Daniel Hayes, overseer in the Bleachery, who has been seriously ill for several weeks with typhoid pneumonia, is able to be out of doors.

GREEK ARRAIGNED

He Entered Plea of Not Guilty

TAUNTON, Mass., March 18.—Pantias Colovrettinas pleaded not guilty in the district court before Judge Fox today to the charge of murder in the first degree in shooting his cousin, Constantine Cliporas in this city. He was held without bail for the June term of the grand jury at New Bedford and remanded to the local jail. Chief of Police Charles F. Dunbar and Deputy James Cash testified that the prisoner had made a confession to them of having committed the crime.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Nowadays something new in the dramatic or entertainment line is rare but a real stage surprise was presented at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening in the production of a dramatic musical comedy novelty entitled "Dare Devil Dorothy." The attendances both afternoon and evening were record breaking, demonstrating the fact that the success of this production in other cities had reached the ears of the theatre-going public of this city.

"Dare Devil Dorothy" is a play with a strong melodramatic story and is in four acts. The first act is located and takes place at the Courthands, London; the second, which is largely composed of musical comedy with the original music and songs by Sparrow Harris, is located at the Bush Farms, Australia; the third act takes place at Scheene House, on the Thames, England, in which it is said some powerful dramatic acting takes place and is also noted for magnificent costuming of the ladies in the cast. The fourth act is almost entirely composed of a very novel circus scene which is part of the plot and in which a series of new and splendid specialty people will appear in some of the latest vaudeville acts.

Grace Gibbons, as "Dorothy," was exceedingly good, sang well and was sweet to look upon. Her sister "Ruth" was well played by Muriel Stone, while "Rosy Anne," a pert, saucy creature and very funny, was given a full measure of justice as acted by Zelka Marston. Tobey Craig was "Judith," the important maid, and incidentally did some clever acrobatic work. Mr. Frederick Harris doubled in the roles of "General Garson" and "Featherstone Hough"; G. Lionel Seyboldt played "Capt. George Fielding"; John McKee was the "Capt. Edward Dudley"; William H. Conley was the "Silas Crump," and the minor parts were capably filled.

Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening and large attendances will be in order.

FIREMEN INJURED

INCENDIARY FIRE IN SCHOOL BUILDING IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Six firemen have been severely injured in a fire of supposed incendiary origin, which burned the old Holden school building at Loomis and Thirty First streets. One man may not recover. All the injured men were on the third floor of the burning structure when the roof fell upon them. The fire started upon the third floor and by the time the first engines arrived the entire upper part of the building was in flames. It was feared the fire would spread to the new school building adjoining which is trice the size of the burned structure, but by hard work the flames were confined to the upper floors.

The old Holden school building was erected at a cost of $50,000. The new structure cost more than $100,000. It was damaged by water.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perron of Manchester, N. H., are the guests of Mrs. George Charron and Mr. and Mrs. George Charron, Jr., of Lowell.

STRIKE SPREADS

10,000 Men May be Involved

NEW YORK, March 18—Twenty thousand bricklayers and laborers and about 2000 iron workers are on strike, and unless a settlement can be reached at a conference today the strike will probably spread until about 100,000 men are involved.

The conference between the joint board of arbitration of the union builders' association and the delegates of the bricklayers' union adjourned at an early hour today without having reached any agreement and the employers considering it improbable that any settlement will be arrived at today's conferences are preparing for the strike which they think will follow. Members of other unions who will be out of work because they cannot proceed with building without the bricklayers are said to be indignant that the bricklayers should tie up the whole building industry.

Twenty-five hundred lithographers have struck rather than be locked out. They quit work at the direction of their district officers when they found that they must sign the arbitration agreement or be discharged. The employers say that 15 men have already signed the agreement and are ready to go to work, but the officers of the union declare positively that only 16 men have signed.

WILL RESUME BUSINESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18—William H. Avery, general agent of the Toyo Kisin Kaisha steamship company in this city, that says the company is preparing to resume business between San Francisco and the Orient and that it would probably have its first new steamship here within the next 40 days. The company, it is said, has obtained options on a number of good boats to take the places of the company's vessels, American Maru, Nippon Maru and Honk Kong Maru, recently appropriated by the Japanese government for service in its transport fleet.

FIVE GIANT SCHOONERS.

BOSTON, March 18—With the probable arrival today of the schooner George W. Wells, now off Cape Cod, there will be assembled in Boston harbor a seven and four six-masted schooners, the five giants of the Atlantic coastwise fleet.

The vessels are the Thomas W. Lawson, 4914 tons; the Eleanor A. Percy, 3062 tons; George W. Wells, 2793 tons; Addie M. Lawrence, 2095 tons; and the William L. Douglas, 2470 tons.

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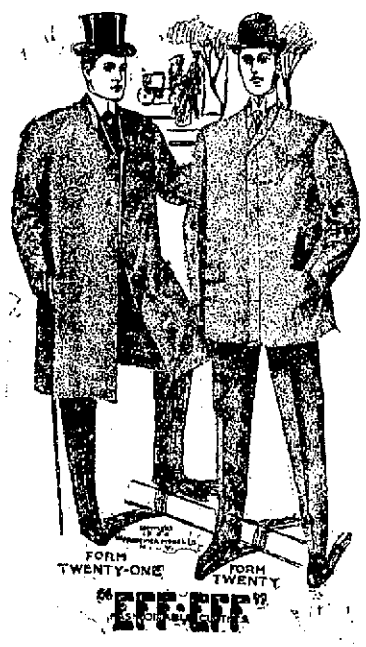

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AT 11.30 O'CLOCK

One pair of horses, bay and grey, weighing 2800 lbs., an extra good work team, single or double; also a stone wagon and a set of heavy team harnesses. This pair of horses have worked all winter, and they are in right good shape for some one who wants a heavy team.